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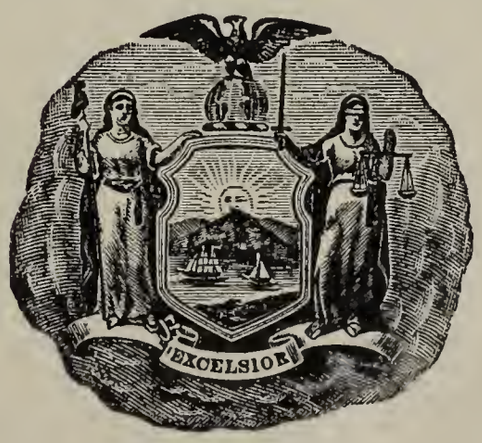

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FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSION ON SITES, GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS

TRANSMITTED TO THE LEGISLATURE APRIL 2, 1917

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IN ASSEMBLY

April 2, 1917

Fourth Annual Report of the Commission on Sites, Grounds and Buildings

To the Speaker of the Assembly:

As Chairman of the Commission on Sites, Grounds and Buildings, I have the honor to transmit to the Legislature the fourth annual report of said Commission, from April 1, 1916, to date.

Yours very respectfully,

W. A. MALLERY, JR.,

Chairman.

REPORT

To the Legislature:

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 625 of the Laws of 1913, creating a Commission on Sites, Grounds and Buildings * * * which shall have power to acquire by gift, purchase or condemnation such properties as will be required from time to time and lay out the grounds and locate all buildings to be erected at all state institutions reporting to the Fiscal Supervisor and State Board of Charities, and such as may hereafter be established * * *, I have the honor to submit herewith the fourth annual report of the Commission on Sites, Grounds and Buildings from April 1, 1916 to date.

The personnel of the Commission remains the same as on the date of my last report with one exception. By virtue of the ex-officio membership under the statute of the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, H. Edmund Machold has succeeded William J. Maier, whose term expired as a member of the Legislature December 31, 1916.

Hon. Henry M. Sage, Chairman, Finance Committee.

Hon. H. Edmund Machold, Chairman, Ways and Means Committee.

Hon. Lewis F. Pilcher, State Architect.

Hon. Charles S. Wilson, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Hon. William A. Mallery, Jr., Fiscal Supervisor.

The only business before this Commission during the past year was the selection of a suitable site for a Farm for Misdemeanants. This selection of site was pending receipt of the sub-committee's report, who were directed to ascertain the attitude of the administration as to the further development of such an institution, should a site be purchased.

Said Committee reported that the administration felt that on account of the many increased appropriations required at the time to maintain the State government, they would be unable to make appropriations to continue the development of such an

institution, and therefore deemed it would be unwise at that time to purchase a site for a Farm for Misdemeanants.

No further action was taken by the Commission in reference to the matter, and the appropriation having elapsed June 10, 1916, again brings it up to the Legislature for their action.

There was no business transacted by the Commission other than to receive a small amount of correspondence, all of which related to the sale of farms.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. MALLERY, JR.,

Chairman.

Frank S. Sidway, Department Commander

STATE OF NEW YORK

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

United Spanish War Veterans

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

For the Year 1916

HELD AT THE STATE ARMORY, SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y.

Edited by

FRANK S. SIDWAY, *Past Department Commander.*
ANDREW B. GILFILLAN, *Past Department Adjutant.*
ALBERT HAHN, *Past Acting Department Adjutant.*

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IN ASSEMBLY

April 4, 1917

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

For the Year 1916

April 3, 1917.

Hon. Thaddeus C. Sweet, *Speaker of the Assembly, Albany, N. Y.:*

Dear Sir.—As Department Commander of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York for the year beginning July, 1915, and ending July, 1916, I have the honor to present the report of said department to the Legislature.

Very respectfully,

FRANK S. SIDWAY.

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HEADQUARTERS

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

Mutual Life Building, 210 Pearl Street

BUFFALO, N. Y., *April* 21, 1916.

From: Department Commander, Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans.

To: Members of the Department Council of Administration.

Subject: Date of holding the Department Encampment for 1916.

Section 1 of Article V of Part 3 of the Rules and Regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans, as amended, provides that "the Department Commander, with the advice and consent of the Department Council of Administration, shall fix the date of any stated convention that may be due to be holden in his term of office; and provided, further, that if the Department Encampment shall, in any year, fail to appoint the place of its next stated convention, the Department Commander, with the advice and consent of the Department Council of Administration, shall select the same."

The committee having in charge the arrangements of the next encampment, which the last Department Encampment decided would be held at Saratoga Springs, have recommended the 3d, 4th and 5th of July as the dates for the next Department Encampment. These dates are satisfactory to me and I am submitting them to you for your consent. Kindly notify me of your consent as soon as possible so that the date of the Department Encampment can be stated in the next bulletin.

Record of Proceedings of the Thirteenth Annual Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans, Held at the Armory, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., July 3, 4 and 5, 1916.

Convention called to order by Senior Vice-Department-Commander George W. McCune.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

Color Sergeants, advance with the Colors.

(Colors placed in position, and color sergeants return to places.)

Past Commander Todd, Saratoga Camp 88, presiding:

The Department Marshal will close the doors so that we may commence the proceedings.

If you will give your attention, please, the Reverend P. A. Macdonald will pronounce the invocation.

Reverend P. A. Macdonald:

Almighty and everlasting God, our Heavenly Father, at the beginning of the exercises of this body we pray Thee Thy blessing be granted the United Spanish War Veterans in this Annual Encampment. We give Thee hearty thanks for the service rendered to Thee and to this Nation by these veterans. We thank Thee for the fact that we are able to look back over the years to the time when these men went to the front; we thank Thee for having brought them out of the conflict and that under Thy guidance they meet to-day. We give Thee thanks for our country's noble history and Our Flag. We thank Thee that throughout the years it has stood for justice and liberty; that it has stood for equality; that it has stood for indivisible union and liberty, and for the Constitution and the law. We pray Thee this morning, in this time of great world conflict and crisis for our own nation, that more than ever we may stand reverently in the presence of this flag, and that

we may recall all that it has stood for in the past and all that it represents in the life of the nation to-day. We do rejoice in and honor our flag, which has stood in sunshine and storm for all that is best, and we thank Thee that whenever and wherever it has been carried by our soldiers, it has stood for all that is proper and true, and we pray Thee more and more that this may be so. Grant Thy blessing to the President of this nation to-day. Bless these United War Veterans in all their proceedings. Bless the Secretary of State and all rulers throughout the nation. Bless our relations with the Republic of Mexico, and grant that whatever may come out of this conflict, our motives will be true. Bless the soldiers who have gone from this city. Give them health and strength and good cheer and courage to fulfill the duty required of them. Bless these men and women in their deliberations to-day. We ask it in Thy gracious and Holy Name. Amen.

Past Commander Todd:

Will the chairman of the General Committee escort the President of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the platform?

This was done amid continued applause.

Past Commander Todd:

Before we proceed with the exercises, I would request that some representative of the local committee arrange to have the windows opened, so we may have more air.

Past Commander Todd:

Comrades and Ladies of the Auxiliary — It is my privilege on behalf of the mayor and all of the citizens of Saratoga Springs to welcome you here to-day. I do so with great pride. First, because I feel that it is an honor to welcome this organization, of which I have the honor to be one of the members (applause) and, second, because as a resident of the city of Saratoga Springs, I am happy to say we are proud of our city, and we are proud to have you here. We are particularly pleased because it is your second visit, and we ordinarily do not make a second visit unless we like the first.

It is not my intention to stand here and make an extended address. That is left for those more eloquent, and who have been

chosen for that purpose, and who will follow me. But I cannot refrain at this time, in this crisis in the history of our country, to congratulate our country upon the fact that we have this organization of United Spanish War Veterans. This is a time when we can and should show our patriotism. It is not necessary for us to go to war to show that. There is work for us to do at home. The opportunity is here for this great organization, built up since '99, to show that we can do something for the benefit of our country. We know that our country's call will be answered, and we know that there is equally as necessary service to be performed at home, and we know that we are as willing to do our share now as when we went away in '98. (Applause.) That same feeling of patriotism is in each heart to-day. I trust that you will at this Encampment take action along the lines which will show our willingness to assist our country in this crisis, and to help our country in solving the problems before us.

Again I greet you and welcome you, on behalf of the mayor and all the citizens of Saratoga Springs. We extend to you all the liberties of our city, and we hope that your stay here will be so pleasant that you will want to come here for the third time. (Applause.)

I have the honor to present the Honorable William S. Ostrander, our surrogate, and a man who can tell you, whatever his message may be, in a way, I am sure, will be pleasing to hear.

Judge Ostrander:

Ladies of the Auxiliary; boys of the Spanish War — I cannot quite call you veterans, because it is a little better, I think, to call you boys, which I am sure you always have been, and I know from your faces you always will be.

It ill becomes a man to cut his thumb when his country calls for volunteers, and it ill becomes me to stand in the place of the great orator who was to address you to-day, but who, unfortunately, was unable to be present this morning.

This is a splended gathering in many ways. It comes just at a time in our history when we should stop and take an account of ourselves, and see what these old stars and stripes stand for, and to qualify ourselves a little, if you please, for the privilege of living under its folds.

It may be interesting to know, what perhaps is not known to all here present, that the first official stars and stripes our country ever had, was raised over the troops of the old patriots in this country — in the easterly side of this county, on the site of Schuylerville — who had just escaped Burgoyne's army, and these troops, the victors of many European battlefields, marched beneath its folds on their way to the prison camps at Boston. To be sure, a sort of a stars and stripes were raised a few days earlier at Oriskany, where the women at Fort Stanwix made a flag of some old skirts of red, white and blue, and there, I suppose, the first stars and stripes appeared, but it was within this county, over the conquered British army, that was unfurled this flag we all love so well.

It fell to the men of those days to make the word the fact. You all remember and realize what a thrill must have come to all when the little boy standing under the bell at Philadelphia cried out, "Ring! Grandpa, ring," for the Declaration of Independence had been signed. That was the speaking of the word. It remained for the men of those days to make the word the fact, and finally the proud but beaten British army marched between their lines to the prison camps.

It has fallen to other men to meet great exigencies in the national history. It fell to the men of '61 to make a fact of those words of President Lincoln, "no country can endure half slave and half free," and their patriotism, deeds and sacrifices made a united Union.

As the nation grew and assumed other duties and other responsibilities among the family of nations, it fell to you and your comrades to make a fact of the statement that this country had become the big brother of the oppressed under our noses, and that tyranny and cruelty in the rule of Cuba must cease. Gallantly you performed that service. I do not speak of the trials and sickness, and hard marches and fighting which you did. Those are familiar deeds to every heart. We know them all, and for your service we are grateful.

At the present time, other men will have to shoulder the burden of responsibility for the defenses of our country.

Now this is the day of Independence. When we celebrate that day of Independence, do we ever stop to think of the responsibilities which we assumed with it. That we owe the debt to our

fathers to see that there is liberty and justice to all within our land and protection to all beneath our flag, and that we must transmit to our sons the determination to continue our government as a fact? It isn't all of patriotism to answer to the call for volunteers. This is a duty that falls to the privilege of some. It is also patriotism to assist in working out our problems of security and protection at home and the welfare and advancement of our families, our wives and our daughters. These are duties which, if well performed, calls for patriotism of us all. We have many privileges but we have many sacred duties to perform. You make your will and leave your friend to administer your affairs. He is the trustee of the property for your wife and children, and he must see that his trust is faithfully administered for them. You give him full power to buy and sell and to give record to your property. Is it his? No. His is a sacred trust and the man is debased who will betray that trust. When he fulfills his trust, that is patriotism. And so to us men of the nation has been handed the sacred trust of seeing "that government of the people and by the people and for the people, shall not perish from the earth." We should not receive it lightly or use it lightly but in a sacred way as a most sacred trust. If this government stands for anything, it stands for the equal protection of all. It is not a country where some one imposes a law upon you or upon me and upon our fellow citizens. In this country we really make the laws ourselves. It is our solemn agreement that we live together under these conditions. This isn't somebody else's country — it is our country. It is our privilege to live here in our country under the folds of our old flag, and it is our solemn duty to keep it unsullied forever. (Applause.)

Past Commander Todd:

It gives me great pleasure to announce that we will now be entertained by Mrs. Charles B. Andrus, in vocal solo, accompanied by Mr. Albert Platt.

Mrs. Andrus very pleasantly entertained by singing.

Past Commander Todd:

Saratoga is proud of many things, not the least among them our soldiers of '61. I take great pleasure in asking one of our boys of '61 to speak to you boys of '82 — Mr. Patrick MacDonald.

Mr. MacDonald:

Ladies and Comrades — When your local committee called upon me to attend this meeting, they told me — knowing that I was not a public speaker and never made a speech — that I was only to take a place on the stage. I supposed I was to be used as an exhibit of one of the fellows of '61–'65. I cannot think they got me here to make a speech, but I am mighty glad of the privilege of welcoming you to our midst.

As a representative of the veterans of '61, the Civil War to the veterans of the Spanish-American War, I give you a hearty welcome as comrades. Among our citizens, there is between those who have survived the wars our country has engaged in, a feeling of comradeship. When we grasp the hand of a comrade, it means more than the handshake of friendship. I know that you have much of business before you, and I will simply extend you welcome, and the wish that when you return to your homes you will feel that your stay in Saratoga Springs has been one of the pleasant episodes of your life.

The Encampment was then entertained by vocal solos by Mr. T. Blaine Towne.

Past Commander Todd:

We will listen now to the roll of the deceased Comrades for the past year. The following roll was then read, the delegates standing at parade rest while taps were sounded.

Taps

Lorenzo Fenel, O'Neil Camp No. 15.
John L. McCluskey, Manhattan Camp No. 1.
Philip J. O'Connell, Manhattan Camp No. 1.
Joseph W. Baker, Berry Camp No. 73.
Ernest E. Dicks, Marvin Camp No. 96.
James McGill, Naval Camp No. 49.
Andrew Hultz, Seyburn Liscum Camp No. 12.
Nelson W. Wilson, Seyburn Liscum Camp No. 12.
Fred H. Wilson, Porter Camp No. 45.
Patrick J. Kelly, Wheeler Camp No. 89.
Johannes T. Jensen, Manhattan Camp No. 1.

John T. Gibbons, Hubbell Camp No. 4.
George F. Seifert, Hubbell Camp No. 4.
Samuel Harrison, Hubbell Camp No. 24.
Ernest W. Redeke, Decker Camp No. 20.
Rev. W. H. I. Reaney, Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5.
Francis G. Ward, Seyburn Liscum Camp No. 12.
Julius D. Wall, Porter Camp No. 45.
Charles F. Bloom, Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46.
Frank C. DeVeaux, Niagara Falls Camp No. 7.
David Flann, New York City Camp No. 23.
John P. Hedberg, 14th Regiment Camp.
Rev. Henry F. Varcee, Barber Camp No. 3.
James H. Sears, Barber Camp No. 3.
August F. Rose, Foreign Service Camp No. 87.
Hugo Baldauf, Barry Camp No. 73.
Corporal Knight, Anderson Camp No. 26.
Thomas F. Hastings, Barber Camp No. 3.
John H. Reinhard, Seyburn Liscum Camp No. 12.
Alfred J. Miller, Decker Camp No. 20.
Walter Phillips, Hubbell Camp No. 4.
G. G. Stieff, Naval Camp No. 49.
William H. Mapes, Moore Camp No. 78.
William E. Shearer, Randolph Camp No. 27.
Francis H. Quinn, Russell Camp No. 43.
Joseph M. Crone, Foreign Service Camp No. 87.
John J. Cooney, Foreign Service Camp No. 87.
Sterling F. Higley, Wilson Camp No. 9.
Willard D. Norcross, Wilson Camp No. 9.
Ernest W. Steinbuckle, Seyburn Liscum Camp No. 12.
Charles J. Drumm, Camp No. 36.
Percy Davidson, Empire City Camp No. 92.

Past Commander Todd:

Let us all join in singing "America."
(This was done.)

Past Commander Todd:

It is now our pleasure to hear from the President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. J. L. Lakestream.

PRESIDENT LAKESTREAM:

Friends of Saratoga, Ladies, Members of the United Spanish War Veterans, Members of the G. A. R.— It is indeed an honor to address this assemblage in answer to the welcome which is seldom given to an organization of this kind. At the present time, events of our country bring vividly to your minds, men and women, those other times when you responded to our country's call and went forth to sustain the honor of our glorious flag.

It seems but a short time ago when we were assembled in Saratoga at one of our annual conventions, in the year 1910, for a very pleasant meeting.

Permit me as Department President to express to you our sincere appreciation of your very kind welcome.

PAST COMMANDER TODD:

It now becomes an honor to turn over the gavel to the chief officer present of the Spanish American War Veterans, and it is with pleasure that I bring before you now Senior Vice-Department Commander George McCune.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

Mr. Chairman of the Saratoga Committee, Ladies of the Auxiliary, Comrades: I will not take up any time with any lengthy speech. I wish to express the thanks of our organization for the hearty greeting and to say that when our stay is ended we will turn back the keys which have been given us in just as good shape as when we got them.

(Committee named to escort ladies to headquarters.)

On motion of Past Department Commander Jones, duly seconded and adopted, the session adjourned until 1:45 P. M.

George W. McCune, Senior Vice Department Commander

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FIRST DAY — AFTERNOON SESSION

July 3, 1916

FIRST DAY

Afternoon Session — July 3, 1916

1:45 P. M., ENCAMPMENT IN SESSION

Called to order by Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune.

On motion duly made, seconded and adopted, Irving Coon, Camp 31, was named as Reading Clerk:

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

The first order of business is the calling of the roll of officers.

This was done as follows:

Department Commander Frank S. Sidway. Absent.

Senior Vice-Department Commander George W. McCune. Present.

Junior Vice-Department Commander William T. Hunt. Absent.

Department Chief of Staff Charles P. Shinn. Present.

Department Adjutant Andrew B. Gilfillan. Absent.

Department Quartermaster William C. Strauss. Present.

Department Inspector William S. Goodwin. Present.

Department Judge Advocate Thomas E. Boyd. Present.

Department Surgeon Melville A. Hays. Absent.

Department Patriotic Instructor Gerald J. O'Keefe. Absent.

Department Marshall William J. Kennedy. Present.

Department Historian Garret V. Johnson. Absent.

Assistant Department Adjutant Charles A. Metzler. Absent.

Assistant Department Adjutant Frederick Schroeder. Present.

Assistant Department Quartermaster Albert Hahn. Present.

Assistant Department Quartermaster Joseph Desch. Present.

Department Color Sergeant Joseph Dossinger. Absent.

Department Color Sergeant George Stephan. Absent.

Department Musician W. Elmore Slack. Absent.

Chairman of Committee on Legislation Thomas E. Boyd. Present.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

The Department Commander being called away, I move that he be recorded as absent and excused.

Seconded and adopted.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

The following will be read for your information:

"SARATOGA SPRINGS, *July* 2, 1916.

"Special Orders No. 6.

"In the absence of Department Adjutant Andrew B. Gilfillan, Past Commander Albert Hahn, Camp 12, is hereby designated as Department Adjutant and as a member of the Committee on Credentials.

"FRANK S. SIDWAY,
"*Department Commander.*"

PAST COMMANDER KENNEDY:

As chairman of the Committee on Resolutions I offer the following resolution and move its adoption by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, Almighty God in the exercise of His wisdom has seen fit to call to himself our beloved comrade, Past National Chaplain in Chief Rev. William Henry Ironsides Reaney, and

WHEREAS, By his death the United States War Veterans, particularly those of the Department of New York, have lost a most beautiful character and have deprived of the unfailing sympathy and guidance of a masterful spirit, and

WHEREAS, The members of the organization, fully appreciating their great loss, and mindful of the impossibility of satisfactorily filling the place held by our departed comrade in the hearts of the comrades; be it

Resolved, That the Thirteenth Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans, of the Department of New York, in convention assembled, deeply and sincerely regret the loss of

our most beloved and respected departed Chaplain. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of our Encampment, and a copy thereof forwarded to the relatives of our deceased comrade. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to the delegation-at-large from this Department, to be presented by them to the next National Encampment, to be held at Chicago.

ALFRED J. KENNEDY,
P. SAMUEL RIGNEY,
ROBERT N. MACKIN.

COMRADE SPOLDERS, Sampson No. 48:

I rise to second the adoption of the resolution.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

You have heard the resolutions drawn by the committee on the death of our beloved Chaplain, Father Reaney. All in favor of its adoption will rise. It is unanimously adopted.

COMRADE ROSS, Camp 74:

On behalf of the committee appointed to escort the ladies to their headquarters, I beg to report that the committee has performed this duty.

A COMRADE:

I move that the report be accepted and the committee discharged. Seconded and adopted.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

The next in order is the report of the Credential Committee.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

We will have to make a partial report. Before that, however, I move that the privilege of the floor be granted to Comrade Harry E. Smith of the Philippine Islands.

PAST COMMANDER KENNEDY:

I second the motion.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

All in favor of the motion say aye. Contrary no. It is carried. Comrade Smith will please come to the platform and take a seat here.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

We will now listen to the report of the Credential Committee.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE:

One hundred and forty-three have registered so far and at least twenty-five are out there waiting.

A COMRADE:

I move that you read the first and last name. Seconded and adopted.

Read as follows: Edward N. Jackson, Camp No. 2; Charles Wilson, Camp 98.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

I move you that the partial report be accepted and that we proceed to the regular order of business.

PAST COMMANDER KENNEDY:

I second the motion. Adopted.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

We have some letters and telegrams here which will be read.

The same read, as follows:

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

Chemical Building, St. Louis, Mo.

Office of the Inspector-General,

88 Kinney Street,

Newark, N. J., *June* 28, 1916.

From: The Inspector-General, U. S. W. V.

To: Department Commander, New York.

Subject: Inspection reports.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

I am in receipt of the Consolidated Inspection Report from your Department, and I thank you for the same.

You are indeed to be congratulated upon the splendid work that has been accomplished by your Department Inspector and District Inspectors.

After my experience of the past few months I can fully appreciate the splendid work that has been accomplished by these officers, and as it would be impossible for me to reach each one of them, I am going to ask you if you will please make a note in your next General Order of my appreciation and thanks for the work that they have accomplished.

With kindest wishes and regards, I am,

Yours, sincerely and fraternally,

THOMAS GOLDINGAY,

Received, filed and referred to the new Commander on motion of Comrade Boyd.

STATE OF NEW YORK

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

ALBANY, *May* 5, 1916.

MR. FRANK S. SIDWAY, Mutual Life Building, 210 Pearl Street, Buffalo, N. Y.:

DEAR SIR.— By direction of the Governor I write to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your letter of May 1st, relative to the Annual Encampment of the Department of New York, to be held at Saratoga Springs on July 3, 4 and 5.

The Governor already has tentative engagements for these dates and it is therefore impossible for me to give you a definite reply.

Assuring you that he will be glad to be with you if his engagements will permit, I am,

Yours very truly,

LORILLARD SPENCER,
Military Secretary to the Governor.

Received and filed.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, *May* 2, 1916.

MY DEAR COMMANDER SIDWAY:

The President has received your kind letter of May 1st and deeply appreciates the invitation which you extend to him on behalf of the Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans. He regrets extremely, however, that his engagements are such as to make it impossible for him to accept. He asks me to thank you warmly for your courtesy in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. P. TUMULTY,
Secretary to the President.

COMMANDER FRANK S. SIDWAY, Department of New York, U. S. W. V., Buffalo, N. Y.

Received and filed.

CAMP WHITMAN

GREENHAVEN, N. Y., *July* 2, 1916.

Headquarters United Spanish War Veterans, State Armory:

COMRADE COMMANDER AND COMRADES.— Having left for the mobilization camp with the National Guard of our Empire State, I send my congratulations for a successful Encampment, for perhaps before the Encampment closes we will be on our way to the Mexican border.

WILLIAM S. FREDERICH,
Past Commander Captain F. R. Palmer Camp No. 28.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., *July* 2, 1916.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FRANK S. SIDWAY, *United Spanish War Veterans, State Armory:*

Regret my inability to be present at Encampment. In name of Memorial and Executive Committee and Seventeen Camps of Brooklyn I convey to you and assembled comrades our fraternal greetings and best wishes. Let not Encampment close without some evidence that United Spanish War Veterans of Empire State are solidly behind President Wilson in Mexican crisis and are prepared to aid National and State governments when necessary.

JAMES T. CARROLL,
Chairman Memorial and Executive Committee, Brooklyn.

FARMINGDALE, N. Y., *June* 2, 1916.

COMMANDER FRANK S. SIDWAY, *United Spanish War Veterans, State Armory, Saratoga, N. Y.:*

Greatly regret inability to attend Encampment. Financial report Jones Jewel mailed.

RALPH H. PARKER.

COMMANDER DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, *United Spanish War Veterans, Encampment Headquarters:*

Extend to comrades in Encampment assembled my fraternal greetings and best wishes for a successful Encampment, and my

sincere regrets that on account of congressional duties it is impossible for me to be with you.

L. C. DYER,
Commander-in-Chief.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

The next order of business will be the appointment of committees, as made out by the Department Commander and left with me. The Department Commander and myself looked over the committees and no change was made after the Department Commander left for his home. These committees are as follows:

Committee on Resolutions

Davis, Camp 43, Chairman. Kuhn, Camp 12.
Goodwin, Camp 62. Burke, Camp 2.
Watson, Camp 85.

Greetings Committee

Jones, Camp 59, Chairman. Kennedy, Camp 29.
Herrick, Camp 42.

Grievance Committee

Spellicy, Camp 11, Chairman. Reynolds, Camp 24.
Rigney, Camp 4. Bielman, Camp 15.
Gilfoyle, Camp 86.

Board of Tellers

Van Pelt, Camp 58, Chairman. Cunningham, Camp 2.
Martin, Camp 59.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

I wish to state that one change was made there. Mr. Cunningham was placed on there, as being a candidate; I thought I should have a teller from my own Camp.

GOODWIN, Camp 62:

In reference to my appointment, I pray you hold me excused.

Credential Committee

Albert Hahn, Camp 12. William Tyner, Camp 2.
Daniel Serr, Camp 43.

GOODWIN, Camp 62:

I beg to be excused from that committee. That was my purpose in getting on my feet before.

PAST COMMANDER KENNEDY:

I rise to a point of order. The gentleman is speaking twice on the same subject.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

I have nothing to do with the appointment of the committee. This committee was appointed by the Department Commander. He has left. I have no business excusing you. You will therefore abide by my decision and take orders from the chairman of the committee.

GOODWIN, Camp 62:

Is that the last word on the subject?

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

Yes, sir.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

While we are under the heading of committees, a thought has occurred to me, that is, referring to the resolution adopted a few minutes ago relative to the death of our late Department Chaplain. Two of the members of the Department of New York, at great personal sacrifice, accompanied the body to Detroit. I think it only fair that we take some action in recognition of this spirit. I therefore move that Alfred Kennedy and John Daley be designated as the official pall-bearers who accompanied the body of Father Reaney to its last resting place.

Comrade Mackin, Camp 5:

I second the motion.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

You have heard the motion. Are you ready for the question. All in favor say aye. Contrary no. It is carried.

Past Commander Kennedy:

Speaking for myself and not Daley, I want to say that the Department owes me nothing for accompanying the body of Father Reaney to its last resting place.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

What is your further pleasure. We will take up the reports of officers.

Rigney, Camp 4:

In view of the fact that the reports are printed and have been distributed to the delegates, I move that the reports be adopted.

Lyons, Camp 59:

I second the motion.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

You have heard the motion that the reports as printed be adopted. Are there any remarks on the question?

Past Department Commander Jones:

As I understand the rule is to merely receive these reports, and I think any discussion of them is out of order. The way to proceed is refer them to a special committee, and if anyone has objections, go before the committee and make them. I move that a special committee to receive the officers' reports be appointed and that the printed reports be referred to them.

McFarland, Camp 28:

I second the motion.
Carried.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

I will appoint the committee so that they can begin their work promptly.

Spellicy, Camp 11:

I am requested to say that one of the Camps who has a candidate for an office to be nominated to-morrow, and the man who is to make the nominating speech cannot be here in the forenoon. I am requested to introduce a resolution that the nominations of officers be held until afternoon.

Hussong, Camp 11:

I second the motion.

Past Department Commander Jones:

I thoroughly appreciate the sentiment which prompts the comrade to make such a motion, but it looks to me, in view of the fact that the officers' reports are all printed, as though it might not be necessary to hold a meeting to-morrow afternoon. I believe this is the first time in the history of our organization that we will not have to hold a session at night.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

I am in the same fix as the other candidate. The gentleman who was to nominate me has a case in the Surrogate's Court, and I have no doubt but what he will have to try the case to-morrow. He has sent me word to that effect. I asked him some three months ago to nominate me.

Guilfoyle, Camp 88:

On the question of the motion before the convention at this time. It seems to me it ought to be the first thought of a man run-

ning for office to give his time to this convention and the transaction of its business, and if when the time to nominate comes his man is not here, get somebody else. People have traveled to this convention at a sacrifice of business and time to get here and are ready to transact the business as it is reached. I am opposed to a resolution to set a time for nominations for to-morrow afternoon, for the reason that if we close our session before that time we should be ready to nominate. I don't believe in staying here to oblige some one to bring some one here. We should go about it and close up our business in the regular way. I am opposed to the resolution.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

I would like to say that I have been appointed here by the Department Commander to preside. Anyone is free to run for anything here if they want to. I have endeavored to be fair to every one. It has been customary to ballot for officers after we have finished our business. It may be that our business will take all of to-morrow so that we will not ballot for officers until Wednesday morning and then wind up our business and go home in the afternoon.

SPELLICY, Camp 11:

It is not for any personal reason that I make this request, but in the interest of a Comrade whose business it is serving his colors. The Comrade to make the nominating speech is also absent, serving his colors. I think we should grant this Comrade's request. I have been elected a delegate here, presumably to serve my Camp in the business sessions and I earnestly urge that you grant this Comrade's request.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

I thoroughly appreciate the position of the Acting Department Commander. At the same time, I don't see why close to 500 men should be inconvenienced by waiting for one man to come way from New York. I offer as an amendment to the original motion that the nomination of officers for the Department of New York

be made to-morrow, and an exception be made to the placing of the name of Comrade Depew.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

The Acting Department Commander will have his man here to-morrow morning.

Florea, Camp 19:

I second the motion.

Past Department Commander Jones:

I will say, in view of the statement of the Department Commander, if acceptable to the maker of the original motion, I will be glad to withdraw my amendment.

Spellacy:

I withdraw the motion.

Past Department Commander Jones:

I withdraw the amendment.

Past Department Commander Jones:

I move that the nomination of the various officers be made a special order of business for eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

Stevens, Camp 4:

I second the motion.

Dunsten, Camp 58:

In the interest of the local Camp Commander, I would like to state that we would greatly appreciate an adjournment of the Encampment to-morrow at 12:15 in order that the comrades may participate in the parade.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

You have heard the motion that the nomination of officers be made a special order of business for to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock. All in favor of the motion say aye. Contrary, no. It is carried.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

I move you, sir, that the nominating speeches to-morrow morning be limited, the nominating speeches of the next Department Commander to ten minutes and the seconding speeches to three minutes, and the nominating speeches for all other officers to five minutes, and the seconding speeches to two minutes.

COON, Camp 31:

I second the motion.
Adopted.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

I move that the Credential Committee be directed to close their session at nine o'clock on the morning of July 5th and remain closed until 10 o'clock thereafter.

RIGNEY, Camp 4:

I second the motion.
Motion put and declared carried.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

It has been customary in the past to present the retiring Department Commander with a suitable testimonial, and I move that a special committee be appointed to receive subscriptions for a testimonial for our retiring Department Commander.

COON, Camp 31:

I second the motion.

Marshall:

The chairman of the Resolution Committee congratulates the Encampment, and states that we will be glad to have our report Wednesday morning.

Past Department Commander Jones:

My motion is that a committee of three be appointed to receive subscriptions to purchase a testimonial for the retiring Department Commander.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

You have heard the motion as made and seconded. All in favor say aye; opposed, no. It is carried.

I will appoint as such committee Past Department Commander Cunningham, Past Department Commander Jones and Past Department Commander Herrick.

Past Department Commander Jones:

I would ask the various delegations to get together between now and to-morrow and decide what they are going to give for the testimonial, so that the committee may be governed accordingly.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

I will appoint as a special committee to receive the officers' reports Comrades Ross, Spellicy and Card.

The Grievance Committee will meet in the Lieutenant's office in the Armory.

Comrade Smith, from the Philippine Islands, being introduced, thanked the Encampment and gave a short and interesting talk.

Reading Clerk Coons:

I am requested to inquire if any Comrade has information of A. Lazarus, who served in Company M, 35th New York Volunteers, U. S. Infantry.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

The Greetings Committee to the Ladies' Auxiliary will please report.

DEPARTMENT MARSHALL:

The Greetings Committee from the Ladies' Auxiliary are present.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

Past Department Commander Jones your committee will escort the ladies to the platform.

(This was done.)

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

Comrades, I now present to you the committee of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. Van Tuyle, Past President of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

MRS. VAN TUYLE:

Comrade Commander, Veterans of the United Spanish War Veterans — We wish to extend to you the greetings of the Auxiliary of the Department of New York. We wish you a harmonious and pleasant Encampment and a safe return to your homes. Thank you.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

On behalf of the United Spanish War Veterans of the Department of New York, we assure you that we are pleased to have you come with your friendly greetings, and we tender you our best wishes for the Ladies' Auxiliary, as our best wishes, first, last and all the time. The committee will escort the ladies back to the Auxiliary.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

Comrade Commander — In these days of strife, when men from different positions are leaving for the front, and I refer to the

movement of our National Guard, there is a condition present which I believe merits our consideration. I understand that men holding positions in the post-office service will be granted a leave of absence, but there are many who will not be granted a leave of absence, and will find their positions filled when they return. In other words, when they return they will be minus a position. I move you that the Department Adjutant communicate wherever possible, with a view of bringing about leave of absences, where possible, for these men who are leaving their positions to go with the guard.

Wilson, Camp 90:

I second the motion.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

You have heard the motion, are you ready for the question.

Shinn, Camp 4:

I move as an amendment that a copy be sent to the Department Commander.

Enderlee, Camp 4:

I second the amendment.

Kemp, Camp 43:

I would like to make a correction to Commander Jones' statement, that the people who employ the boys who leave for the front be requested to furnish them their positions on their return.

Spolders, Camp 48:

I would like to add that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Congressmen from the State of New York and to both Senators.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

You have heard the original motion and the amendment and the amendment to the amendment. Do you all understand the three

motions before the house? We will vote on the amendment to the amendment. All in favor say aye. Opposed no. It is carried.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

We have a report of the Resolutions Committee which the clerk will read.

Reading Clerk Coon (Reading):

"At a meeting of the Griffin Engineers' Camp No. 31, Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, held in the 69th Regiment Armory on the 23d day of June, 1916, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

> Whereas, A number of Camps in the Department of New York publish a monthly paper or bulletin giving an account of the activities of the Camp and its members; and
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> Whereas, On a number of occasions these papers have gone out of their way to ridicule and knock members of the other Camps in the United Spanish War Veterans; therefore be it
>
> *Resolved,* That these papers, bulletins, or camp orders be prohibited from publishing anything relating to members of other camps and that this resolution be published in the first general order sent out after this Encampment.

[seal] GRIFFIN ENGINEERS' CAMP No. 31.

Thomas Regan,
Commander.

James W. Adlard,
Adjutant.

Committee recommends, not to pass.

Coons, Camp 31:

I happen to be one of the framers of this resolution. There is in existence to-day, where I come from — New York — a monthly bulletin under the name of "Live Wire," that has been instrumental in publishing in the last two numbers our Camp. There

is another one called "The Sentinel." It published some remarks about the Comrades on Memorial Day, who appeared in khaki uniform, and some who were not in uniform, but the Comrades all do the best they can. I don't think it is right, and I suggest Comrade Commander, at this time, that the resolution be sent back to the Resolutions Committee for favorable action.

Stevens, Camp 4:

I believe that the regulations prescribe that if they do not wear the regulation uniform they may be permitted to wear the uniform they wore when they served. I second the Comrade's motion.

Spoeler, Camp 48:

I rise to a point of order. My point of order is that the motion should be that the report of the committee be not concurred in. I move you that the report of the Resolutions Committee be not concurred in.

Department Judge Advocate:

I think it entirely proper to refer it to the Committee, with any direction that you may have to the committee.

Guilfoyle, Camp 86:

I rise to a point of order. The committee recommends the adoption of its report. How can you refer it. Consequently, no other motion is before the house.

Daley, Camp 5:

A point of information. Has the Resolutions Committee reported that resolution?

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

Yes; has reported it unfavorably.

Judge Advocate:

It would be strictly proper, perhaps, to discharge the Committee from further consideration of the resolution. I move that the

committee be discharged from further consideration of the resolution, to bring the matter before the convention for action.

GUILFOYLE, Camp 86:

I rise to a point of order. The question is to return this resolution back to the committee. You cannot entertain any other question until that is disposed of.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

Your point of order is well taken. The question before the house is whether you will return the resolution to the committee or not.

COON, Camp 31:

I will withdraw my motion on the Judge Advocate's decision.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

Are you ready for the question.

RIGLEY, Camp 56:

I don't understand this. Such a motion is not necessary. As I understand this, it is a personal matter between several Camps in the New York City District. I would like to know if this Department has a right to say to any Camp that it shall not publish a bulletin of this kind, and, if so, where is the authority?

NEWTON, Camp 73:

I rise to a point of order. The Comrade is not speaking on the question.

RIGLEY, Camp 56:

I will be through in a minute. If the Department has no right to interfere in such personal matters, I think it should be returned and withdrawn. If it has a right to interfere, that is another matter.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

I would like to ask the Judge Advocate for his opinion.

Judge Advocate:

This convention is a governing body. I think the resolution is in proper form. The matter of publishing bulletins is optional with the Camps. The resolution reads " a number of Camps publish a monthly paper or bulletin, giving an account of the activities of the camp and its members;" and

Whereas, on a number of occasions these papers have gone out of their way to ridicule and knock members of the other Camps in the United Spanish War Veterans,

Resolved, That these papers, bulletins, or camp orders be prohibited from publishing anything relating to members of other camps and that this resolution be published in the first general order sent out after this encampment."

This might be a little better worded. It might be worded to prohibit the publishing of anything of an objectionable nature, but the whole purpose is lawfully within the power of this convention.

Leuper, Camp 36:

As the Judge Advocate has stated, this resolution is too broad. The Camps have certain rights, as I understand this publication in the " Live Wire." I don't suppose it criticized men of the Camp, but simply the uniform. I am not in favor of any paper publishing anything detrimental to the individual. I suppose we all have a duty towards the organization as a whole, and should bring before the Encampment anything for the benefit of the organization.

Coon, Camp 31:

I would like to ask the Resolutions Committee why not agree to this resolution favorably?

Davis:

The committee considers it a personal matter and should not come before the convention and for that reason reported it unfavorably.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

The chairman of the Resolutions Committee says that the committee thinks this is a personal matter and should not come before the convention.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

Your committee begs to report that we have conveyed to the Ladies' Auxiliary, in session, the greetings of this Department.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

The committee is discharged with thanks.

HILLMAN, Camp 46:

On this question of uniform discrimination. Some time ago one convention decided——

COON, Camp 31:

A point of order. I ask for the motion.

HILLMAN, Camp 46:

On the resolution. We have certain rights as to publications, and if a Comrade is hurt by the publication, then it is time to bring it before the convention in a resolution.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

I understand the motion is to discharge the committee from further consideration of the resolution.

GANNON, Camp 93:

I offer as a substitute for that motion, and I think it will clarify the condition of things, the suggestion that we incorporate in the by-laws a provision that if any Camp publishes anything detrimental to another Camp, its charter may be taken from it.

MACKIN:

May I ask that the resolution be read again.

(Same done by the reading clerk.)

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

The motion before the house is, "Shall this resolution be taken from the Resolutions Committee and brought before the convention?"

Past Department Commander Jones:

I rise to raise the point of order as to whether we have authority to pass such a resolution, and I would like the Judge Advocate's opinion.

Judge Advocate:

I think it is well within the power of the convention to pass a disciplining resolution. This is the highest power in the State for this body. As I stated before the resolution might have been worded a little better. This resolution provides "That these papers, bulletins or camp orders be prohibited from publishing anything relating to members of other camps."

Past Department Commander Jones:

May I ask the question, who is to be the judge as to whether or not these publications are offensive?

Judge Advocate:

That is a matter to be entertained afterwards.

Gannon, Camp 93:

The substitute motion which I made covered all of these points in controversy.

Shinn, Camp 43:

I raise a point of order. I think this entire discussion is out of order.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

The point of order is well taken.

Past Department Commander Jones:

Do I understand that the motion is to take the resolution from the committee and bring it before the convention?

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

Yes. All in favor of the motion say aye. Contrary, no. It is carried. The resolution is before the house.

Rigney, Camp 4:

The rules and regulations of our National organization provide a set of articles that cover all offenses against members of this organization. I don't think it the part of this convention to try and modify these rules and regulations. A resolution of this kind, to my mind, might create no end of trouble.

Gannon, Camp 93:

A point of order. There is no question before the house. What of my substitute motion?

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

The motion was put to the house and carried.

Gannon, Camp 93:

That is the point. The question has been put.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

The resolution has been put to the house and carried.

Rigney, Camp 4:

I would like to have the substitute resolution read.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

I rule the substitute out of order.

Gannon, Camp 93:

The substitute in effect was this, that where a paper or bulletin publishes criticism of members, that charges can be prepared to

the Department Commander, and if sustained the charter can be taken away.

Past Department Commander Jones:

I believe it is the privilege of any member to bring before this body any question for discussion, but I believe that such a resolution brings disagreement to our Encampment. I believe that Comrade Coon was honest in presenting his motion, but I think Comrade Coon should withdraw his motion.

Rigney, Camp 4:

As I said before, I believe that matters of this kind are all covered by the rules and regulations of the national organization, and any effort of this body to alter the rules and regulations, I fear will get us into trouble. I think that a little good-natured criticism of a comrade sometimes is a good thing. I think that this whole thing is out of order and should not be mentioned here.

Ripley, Camp 56:

I rise to a point of information. Are these bulletins spoken of recognized as official?

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

No.

Frayburg, Camp 46:

I know of no reason for all of this talk.

Herring, Camp 2:

I object to any further consideration of the resolution.

Spellicy:

I move that the resolution be laid on the table.

Herring, Camp 2:

I second the motion.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

All in favor of the motion laying this resolution on the table say aye. Opposed, no. It is carried.

COON, Camp 31:

I wish to have it placed on the record at this time, that I was the only one voting no.

DALEY, Camp 5:

Make it two.

CARD, Camp 40:

The Committee on Corrections wishes to report as follows: After conferring with the Department Inspector we wish to recommend the following correction. Camp No. 36 was omitted entirely. We recommend that the following report be made:

"No. 36, Defendam Camp, New York city, has a membership of 67, of whom all are in good standing. This shows no loss or gain since the inspection of a year ago. Fifteen of the Comrades are uniformed. The officers and members show a commendable energy in advancing all and everything that makes for the good of the order. Balance in treasury $115.00, and property valued at $200.00. Prospects are excellent."

"Newell Rising Camp No. 68, Portchester, was not reported on, by reason of a death in the family of the adjutant, preventing an appointment with the inspecting officer. The Camp is in good condition, with 22 members in good standing. It has recently organized a rifle club, has $75.00 in the treasury, and 12 uniformed members."

"The letters 'inuence' should read 'influence.' The word 'doomed' should read 'dropped,' in report of Department Judge Advocate, page 22."

"Report of Department Historian, page 24, should be signed 'Dr. Garrett V. Johnson.'"

"The name 'Phil S. Bolder,' Camp 48, page 29, should read 'John F. Spolders.'"

"On page 14, on the rating of the Camps, the third Camp should read '4' instead of '44.'"

RIPLEY, Camp 56:

I move that the report be adopted.

HOLDEN, Camp 57:

I second the motion.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

All in favor say "Aye." Opposed, "No."
Carried.

COON, Camp 31:

I move that the convention adjourn until the next session.

LONG, Camp 5:

I would like to ask if there is a copy of the proceedings of last year here at the meeting. I have not a copy before me, but I have one at the hotel. I would call your attention to the request that I made last year that the election of the Department Commander be made unanimous; that there was a special reference made to my remark in that connection, and I would like to ask through you, the Past Commander, why a reference to that remark was made in italics.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

I would like to ask Past Department Commander Jones to reply to the question.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

Yesterday, while coming up on the train, I was very much surprised to have this brought to my attention. I believe a reporter in reporting a proceeding, when anything is brought out which is manifested by applause, so records it ——

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

If there is anyone in the room who is not a member, I would ask him to retire.

Past Department Commander Jones (continuing):

Comrade Commander, as I was saying, a reporter in writing up his minutes, if a remark has merited particular stress, records it in capital letters or underlines it. Throughout the speeches made there applause was brought out. I myself have never given this matter thought. I had no intention of wrong. I took the original minutes as submitted by the official reporter and turned them over to the printer. I don't know whether he had underlined or put in capital letters that remark, but inasmuch as it appears in italics, I assume that was the case, and personally I had nothing to do with it. I had no intention of offending Comrade Long. I give Comrade Long my word of honor that no such thought ever occurred to me.

Long:

The book was published and spread throughout the organization, and was brought to my attention before I really thought of it. Any here who were at the last convention know that when I made this request it was made in good faith. I haven't a copy of the report here or I would read it for you, but in effect it is that there was one person in the State of New York who would be glad that I was defeated. I cannot see any particular reason at all why these words should have been given the prominence they were. So many Comrades have asked me the reason was why I asked the question now. I am willing to accept the explanation given by the Past Department Commander, but I want it to be on the record here that the prominence of the publication of the words had no reference to anything improper in my mind.

Past Department Commander Jones:

I want to say to Comrade Long that I am sorry and that I told Comrade Mackin after I learned of this that I was sorry. I want to place myself squarely on the record, and I say now that I had

no talk and no understanding whatsoever with the official reporter, Mr. Hart, concerning the statement made by Mr. Long. The Comrade who went to Comrade Long must have been looking for something, because in the printed proceedings shows dozens of places where the Comrades are recorded in italics.

Long:

I will simply say this — I can see no reason why that statement should be printed in italics.

Mackin:

In view of the fact that my name has been brought into this controversy, I only wish to say that Past Department Commander Jones did make that remark to me.

Past Department Commander Jones:

Thank you, Bob.

Ripley, Camp 56:

I move that we adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Andrelee, Camp 4:

I second the motion.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

All in favor say "Aye." Opposed, "No."

It is carried and we stand adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY — CONTINUOUS SESSION

July 4, 1916

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9 O'clock A. M.

Encampment called to order by Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

The Reverend John Mitchell will invoke the divine blessing.

Reverend Mitchell:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, the God and Father of all, we invoke Thy divine blessing upon this gathering this morning; upon this assemblage under whose auspices we have met; upon the business they are to do to-day. We thank Thee for all the members' good health, and we pray Thy blessing upon their wives and families, and we ask Thee that the liberty, fraternity and love of country which they typify and represent may extend over the whole land so that we may all be and continue a united people. We ask Thee to bestow Thy blessing upon this convention. All this we ask in Thy name, in that form of prayer which Thou has taught us: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and power and glory forever. Amen.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

I will appoint as members of the committee, Past Commander Stevens, Camp 4; Dunn, Camp 73; Florea, Camp 19, and Ripley, Camp 56.

DUNN, Camp. 73:

It won't be possible for me to serve. I ask to be relieved.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

All right, Comrade Dunn, I will appoint Comrade Andrew J. Corey, Camp 28, in place of Comrade Dunn.

When the Chairman comes, the members of the committee will meet him, as there is a good deal to be done, and you should get started as soon as possible.

BROOKLY, Camp 22:

I respectfully request in making a motion, he will talk loud enough to be heard.

FLOREA, Camp 19:

We have over 200 members on the street, and I move you, sir, that you appoint a committee to go out and get them in here. There is a lot of business to transact and we ought to have them here.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

They ought to care enough to come without asking them in. Has the Chairman of the Resolution Committee anything to report? If so, come to the platform.

CHAIRMAN DAVIS:

We have. Will the Clerk please read?

READING CLERK COON (reading):

"*To the Annual Encampment, U. S. W. V., Department of New York;*

"*From West Point Camp No. 85, U. S. W. V., Department of New York:*

"WHEREAS, A pension bill known as H. R. No. 54, 'An act to pension widows and minor children of Spanish War Veterans,' is about to be enacted into law; and,

"WHEREAS, This bill has been so amended as to discriminate in favor of volunteers and against those who served in the regular army; and,

"WHEREAS, Having corresponded with and cited said discrimination to Congressmen, Senators, National and Department officers of the U. S. W. V., with the result that they all advised that 'Owing to strong opposition to any pension legislation at this time it was thought best to get some legislation from the sixty-fourth Congress, and later such legislation could be more easily amended so as to eliminate such discrimination;' therefore, be it

"*Resolved,* That this Encampment take the necessary action to bring this matter to the attention of the National Encampment, with a view to so adjust or amend this bill that the men who devote their lives to their country's cause by forming the nucleus of our country's preparedness in time of peace and the men who in time of war comprise the skeleton army which stands between this country and her enemies until such time as American patriotism can properly respond to the country's call may know that their dependents will receive a just and proper share of the rights and privileges of America's soldiers.

"CHAS. J. WATSON,
"*Commander.*

[SEAL]

"W. N. SELMEIDER,
"*Adjutant.*

"June 30, 1916."

Your Committee on Resolutions, to whom this resolution was referred, respectfully report that

WHEREAS, No copy of the proposed act known as H. R. No. 54 was attached to the resolution submitted; and,

WHEREAS, The statement is made that members of Congress of the United States and officers of the U. S. W. V., both national and State, have declared themselves as opposed to objecting to the passing of the bill for good and sufficient reasons; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the attention of the National Encampment be called to the apparently unjust discrimination between the de-

pendent widows and orphans of soldiers of the regular army and those of the volunteers.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

You have heard the report of the committee; what is your pleasure?

Watson, Camp 85:

I move you that the report of the Committee on Resolutions be concurred in.

Coon, Camp 31:

I second the motion.

Sampson, Camp 48:

Do I understand that this is a sort of an amendment? I would like to have the word "navy" inserted.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

If there is no objection, all in favor of the motion manifest with the usual voting sign.

Carried.

Coon (reading):

Another resolution.

Resolution submitted by Past Commander Charles S. Beilman, O'Neil Camp No. 15, Buffalo:

Whereas, It has become a general practice of late years to hold the Department Encampments on our national holiday, the Fourth of July, and,

Whereas, This practice has proven detrimental to the attendance at such encampments by reason of the inability of many to attend, such as members of the police and fire departments and other public and municipal servants of the various cities of the State, and the disinclination of scores of other Comrades to break up this day in such a manner; be it

Resolved, That this Encampment go on record unanimously against any encampment in the future which will include the Fourth of July, making it mandatory to be held three or four days prior or later to that date.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. BEILMAN.

Your committee recommends the adoption of this resolution:

WHEREAS, The practice of including July 4th in the period covered by the sessions of the Annual Encampment of this Department has proved detrimental to a full attendance of members and delegates; and,

WHEREAS, It is deemed inadvisable by the heads of the police and fire departments of the various cities and towns throughout the State to excuse members of these departments from duty on this day; and,

WHEREAS, The general observance of Independence Day throughout the nation requires the presence of many of our members elsewhere; therefore, be it

Resolved by this Encampment of the U. S. W. V. of the Department of New York, in convention assembled at Saratoga, July 3, 4, and 5, 1916, That no future Encampment of this Department shall be held during a period which shall include July 4th, the holiday of the nation.

SAMPSON, Camp 46:

I heartily agree with the resolution, but I would like to offer an amendment that the Encampment be held after the Fourth instead of before, for the reason that many can get away after the Fourth who cannot before.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

It is for the Department to make the date.

BOURKE, Camp 2:

I move you, sir, that the resolution be concurred in.

GUILFOYLE:

I think that before we get into this it would be well to know what the national rules provide. We cannot amend them.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

I understand it is to be held so many days before the National Encampment, but they don't say what date. I believe it is thirty days.

BEILMAN, Camp 15:

I do not think that there is anything in this resolution that interferes with that.

If you will allow me I will read it. (Does so.)

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

All in favor say "Aye." Opposed, "No."

Carried.

COON, Reading Clerk (reading):

On the following recommendation of the Department Inspector:

"Legislation of any character that will make it mandatory on all Camps in the Department to adopt the loose leaf system for keeping Quartermaster accounts. From my personal knowledge and the reports of several of the District Inspectors, this system, as demonstrated by actual use in several of the Camps, is simple, accurate and labor saving. In fact, when you say loose leaf system, you epitomize all that's good in the way of keeping accounts."

Your Committee reports:

WHEREAS, The Department Inspector during the course of the performance of his duties for the past year has found various systems of bookkeeping in use by the various Camps of the Department; and,

WHEREAS, Said Department Inspector recommends the adoption of a "loose leaf" system for keeping Quartermaster accounts; and,

WHEREAS, The intention of said recommendation is undoubtedly the adoption of a uniform system of accounting; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the incoming administration be directed to have prepared a uniform system for keeping Quartermaster accounts, and is hereby authorized to prescribe such form to be used by all Camps in the Department; and, be it further

Resolved, That said incoming administration be authorized and directed to prepare and print such forms for issue to the various Camps at minimum cost.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

You have heard the report of the Committee, what is your pleasure?

BOURKE, Camp 2:

I move you that we concur in the committee's report.

GALLEN, Camp 90:

I second the motion.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

All in favor say "Aye." Opposed, "No."
Carried.

COON (reading):

On another recommendation by the Department Inspector. "That steps be taken to do away with the necessity for District Inspectors to visit Camps for the purpose of inspection that involve the use of time in excess of twelve hours or the expenditure of more than one dollar for railroad fare. That for purposes of Inspection in Camps having a membership of less than one hundred Comrades in good standing, inspection report blanks and instructions be sent the Senior Past Commander of the Camp, in active membership, who will act in the capacity of a District Inspector and send the inspection report properly filled out, accompanied by a sworn deposition as to its correctness, to the Depart-

ment Inspector. The Department to bear the expense of the notary fee."

Your Committee on Resolutions, believing that the course recommended by the Department Inspector that the services of a District Inspector be dispensed with in certain cases, would prove detrimental to the Camps affected, and to the organization as a whole, respectfully recommend that such action be disapproved.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

You have heard the report; what is your pleasure?

Kuhn, Camp 12:

I move that the report be concurred in.

Kemp, Camp 43:

I second the motion.

Little, Camp 42:

I don't know whether the Comrades understand the situation. I know there are a number of Camps where the cost of inspection is five or six dollars. I know it would be a saving of expense to dispense with this form of inspection. I am speaking from personal knowledge. I think that the action here should be not to concur in the action of the committee.

Past Department Commander Jones:

To my mind, this entire thing is out of order, inasmuch as it is prescribed how this shall be made, but I believe there is merit in the proposition.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

All in favor say "Aye." Opposed, "No."
Carried.

COON, Reading Clerk (reading):

On resolution submitted:

"*Resolved,* That the New York State Encampment of United Spanish War Veterans, in convention assembled at Saratoga Springs, in the State of New York, July 3, 4, 5, 1916, hereby ask that the Department Commander put before the National Encampment in convention, that delegates to that convention, respectively of each State, urge their Assemblyman or Senators to work for uniform laws granting licenses to honorably discharged soldiers of the Spanish-American War who served in the Army or Navy or beyond the seas — as the law now stands in a great many States, the laws only refer to Veterans of the late Rebellion, meaning the war of 1861–65."

Your Committee on Resolutions, after a careful consideration of the attached resolution by L. L. Krauss, Old Guard No. 19, respectfully recommend that Comrade Krauss be authorized to submit direct to the incoming Department Commander for submission to the National Encampment an amended resolution drawn on definite lines, accompanied by extracts from the laws of the State of New York pertaining to the issue of licenses.

LAKESTREAM, Camp 59:

I move the adoption of the committee's report.

FLOREA, Camp 19:

I second the motion.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

You have heard the motion; are you ready for the question?

COON, Camp 31:

I would like to know what he means by a license. Is it a marriage license or a peddler's license? I want to state for the information of the convention that in 1898 there was a law passed — I believe I have an extract of the law here. I know that working

in my capacity as auctioneer I don't have to have a license in the city of New York.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

Doesn't that refer to the State instead of city?

ROSENBERG, Camp 59:

Do I understand this is a disposition of the resolution or the adoption of the committee's report?

RIPLEY, Camp 56:

I don't think the Comrade is talking to the point. It is a courtesy, at least, when a resolution is introduced by a delegate to give it attention.

WHITE, Camp 51:

A point of order. The question is the adoption of the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

The point of order is well taken. All in favor manifest it by the usual voting sign.

It is carried.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

The Resolution Committee desires to make a report. We will receive the report, which the Clerk will read.

COON, Reading Clerk (reading):

Resolved, That this Department supports Thomas H. Barber Camp No. 3 in its efforts through its representatives in the State Legislature to make provision for all veterans who have passed the United States Civil Service in either first or second grades, that they may be placed on the eligible list of this State without further examination.

C. E. LATHROP, Past Commander,
B. A. THOMPSON, Delegate,
H. B. HEATH, Delegate.

By request of H. E. Smith, Commander McConville Camp No. 6, Philippine Islands.

Your Resolution Committee considers this proposed action as impracticable. The United Civil Service and the State Civil Service are two separate and distinct bodies, with absolutely no connection.

SMITH, Hubbell Camp:

I move that the report be adopted.

KEAN, Camp 16:

I second the motion.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

All in favor say "Aye." Opposed, "No."
It is carried.

COON, Reading Clerk. Another resolution:

WHEREAS, Events of the past few years have necessitated the mobilization of the National Guard, by order of the President of these United States, and the further placing of some of the said Guard along the Mexican border; therefore, be it

Resolved by the United Spanish War Veterans, in Department Encampment assembled, That the honor of our country must be sustained, and that this encampment offer to the President of these United States, the Hon. Woodrow Wilson, and the Governor of this State, Hon. Charles S. Whitman, our hearty support, both morally and physically, so far as we are able, to maintain the honor of our country at any and all times. It is further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of these United States, the Governor of this State and all Camp Commanders in this Department.

LOUIS CARLISLE CAMP No. 56.

Your Resolution Committee recommends that this resolution be adopted.

KEAN, Camp 16:

I move that the report be adopted.

GANNON:

I second the motion.

PAYNE, Camp 95:

We are all brothers, Comrades. Nineteen years ago we served as soldiers in the Spanish-American war. I don't believe until the negro soldier gets his rights ——

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

I rise to a point of order. The member is violating every rule.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

The point of order is well taken. All in favor of the motion manifest it by the usual voting sign. Opposed.

It is carried.

COON (reading):

JULY 3, 1916.

To the Department Encampment in convention assembled at Saratoga Springs, N. Y.:

WHEREAS, The various bodies of the Legislature of the State of New York at numerous times have stated on the floor of both houses that Spanish War Veterans are entitled to some consideration for services rendered to the country; be it

Resolved, That the incoming Department officers be empowered to present a bill to the next Legislature (1917) granting to all members of the uniformed police and fire departments of all cities, towns and villages in the State of New York the following:

That all members of said departments who are Spanish War Veterans and who have served fifteen years or more in said departments shall be retired upon physical disability at not less than one-half the pay and compensation of the next highest rank; that

members of said departments who are Spanish War Veterans and who have served twenty years or more shall be retired upon their own application with not less than one-half of the pay and compensation of the next highest rank.

FRANK RILEY,
Manhattan Camp No. 1.

Your committee recommends that it be referred to the Legislative Committee.

MACKIN:

I second the motion.

A COMRADE:

I move as an amendment that the convention go on record as heartily approving the same.

A COMRADE:

I second the amendment.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

All in favor of the amendment say "Aye." Contrary, "No." Carried.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

We will now proceed to the nomination of officers of this Department. I recognize Thomas Draper of Russell Camp No. 2.

COMRADE DRAPER:

Comrades, I have no doubt that in spite of all the controversies and contests that this Encampment will be a pleasing memory to the United Spanish War Veterans, for all controversies and contests will be brushed aside when we recall that we all stand as veterans under the stars and stripes. (Applause.)

We are meeting here to-day on a great anniversary, the anniversary of the signing of that great document of Amedican inde-

pendence, to the support of which the signers pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. That document declared the eternal doctrine that all men are created free and equal. We cherish these sentiments and all the years of our national life since then have been years in which we have remained true to the principles of the Declaration of Independence and have given of ourselves generously for the benefit of humanity.

Fifty-three years ago the ridges of Gettysburg were stained with blood and strewn with corpses. Countless of our best loved boys then went to their graves, never to return, but we had declared for all time the inalienable rights of freedom.

Eighteen years ago at this time were were again gathered under the starry banner. We were victorious on land and sea. New names were added to the roll of honor; new heroes died beneath the flag, because this nation with its high conception of freedom would not suffer a weaker people to be oppressed beyond our borders.

With this long preamble I wish to say briefly that I have faith in the veteran of the Spanish-American War and that this organization holds within its keeping memories of mighty achievements. There is no distinction of members within this organization. There is no distinction of rank, birth or condition. The rich, the poor, the officer and the private is eligible for any honor the organization has to bestow.

I have come here to name a candidate for Department Commander of the Department of the State of New York. I propose to name a man who is made of the same stuff that this organization is made of, who has rendered meritorious service and has been faithful to the organization and its great purposes; a man who has rendered real service to his country, and who only the other day again offered himself, but was refused because years have added to him. His friends want him; Camp Russell asks for him. There is no one in the Department who has better filled the various offices than he or who has been more faithful to the organization. It gives me great pleasure, therefore, to nominate such a man for office in this organization; a man who has served his country faithfully and served his organization well. So it is with great pleasure on behalf of Camp Russell that I nominate

for the office of Department Commander of the Department of New York Comrade George W. McCune of Troy.

Roemhild, Camp 7:

It gives me great pleasure to second the nomination of Comrade McCune. You have heard of the work he has done on the Legislative Committee at Albany. I have been there myself and know something of it. I don't think I exaggerate when I tell you he was there once every week and sometimes two or three times. That results were not obtained should not be held against him. There were many things to overcome, and it is likely that some time results will be obtained. Comrade McCune has done staunch work for you, and on the strength of his record I take great pleasure in seconding his nomination.

Goodwin, Camp 62:

Comrade Presiding Officer and Comrades: To me has been assigned the very high honor of placing in nomination a candidate for the office of Department Commander for the ensuing year. While I realize and appreciate this great honor, I feel my limitations as a public speaker and my inability to compete with the gentlemen who have preceded me. I will not delve into history, but I will state a few facts. We are here to transact business affecting a great number of Camps and approximately six thousand Comrades. We should then honestly strive to do our best. I believe that we should have as Department Commander a man of known executive ability. It strikes me that the first thing to determine is who is most capable to discharge the duties of the office. The Comrade whom I shall name has demonstrated his ability. If given the office of Department Commander it will be to him a sacred duty. He will feel in the discharge of that duty that he owes it to himself and to his organization to so discharge that duty that it will from every part of the State redound credit to the organization and his Camp. The candidates are both good fellows; there is no question about that. But who is best qualified for the office? The gentleman whom I shall name has also always worked for the good of the organization, and he is nobody's man. He has administrative ability; he has capacity, and the good of

the order will be his aim while in office. I am going to ask you to support a man who will be a credit to the position and who you will be proud to know as your Department Commander. I take great pleasure in placing in nomination the name of Charles P. Shinn of Brooklyn. (Applause.)

Lakestream, Camp 59, seconded the nomination of Charles P. Shinn.

Reagan, Camp 28, seconded the nomination of George W. McCune.

Long, Camp 5, seconded the nomination of George W. McCune.

Corcoran, Camp 2, seconded the nomination of Charles P. Shinn.

A COMRADE:

I move that the nominations for Department Commander close. Duly seconded and adopted.

JUDGE ADVOCATE (presiding):

The next nomination is that of Senior Vice-Department Commander. The nominating speeches are limited to five minutes and the seconding speeches to two minutes.

SPELLACY, Camp 11:

Comrades, it gives me pleasure to present for this nomination the name of a Comrade that I have known for years. I repeat that it is a pleasure to name this Comrade whom I have known for years, and whom I have known to be a true and loyal worker, and, setting good fellowship aside, I will refer to him as one of the greatest live wires existing in this grand organization.

During my activities on the Legislative Committee we found a great deal of work that had to be performed from time to time, and from our Comrade we never failed to receive support. He has visited all of the organizations in his vicinity as an officer of his Camp. He has rendered great service to the organization and never has asked for reward. I am asking the members of this organization to now reward the Comrade with the honor he is

seeking. On behalf of Camp 28 I take great pleasure in presenting for the office of Senior Vice-Commander the name of Archibald R. MacFarland. (Applause.)

BEILMAN, Camp 28:

It gives me great pleasure to second the nomination.

Meyer, Camp 46, seconded the nomination of Mr. McFarland.

REAGAN, Camp 28:

I move that the nominations for Senior Vice-Commander close.

ANDERLEE, Camp 4:

I second the motion.

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

All in favor say "Aye." Contrary, " No."

Carried.

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

The convention will be in order. The next nomination is that of Junior Vice-Commander.

MYER, Camp 46:

Comrade Commander and Comrades: I have heard of the various candidates that have been placed in nomination, the work they have done, and it is very pleasing to me that such work has been performed for our organization. When a man does real work for the organization, nothing too high can be said in his praise.

I wish to bring before this body of delegates the name of a Comrade who has always earnestly worked for the organization; a Comrade who has come at midnight and from a sickbed to talk with me about the welfare of the Spanish War Veterans. He always has a live interest in the organization. His body and soul have been centered upon organization matters. No place was too far for him to go and no matter too small for his attention. I submit the name of William J. Kennedy, Camp 46.

Davis, Camp 9:

It is the privilege of a woman to change her mind. For that reason, I presume, a Spanish War Veteran may change his mind. I came down here to nominate one man for this office, and I arise to second the nomination of another. I am a member of Camp 9, and we thought we had a man who should have this office. We intended to present his name to-day for Junior Vice-Commander. That man was Jim Hogan. At his request, instead of placing his name in nomination, I am seconding the nomination of William J. Kennedy. On behalf of my Camp I take pleasure in seconding the nomination of Mr. Kennedy.

Hogan, Camp 9:

I second the nomination of William J. Kennedy for Junior Vice-Commander.

Pierce, Camp 1:

I move that the nominations close.

McKeown, Camp 53:

I second the motion.

Judge Advocate:

All in favor say "Aye." Contrary, "No."
It is carried.
The next nomination is that of Department Marshal.

Lakestream, Camp 59:

The Comrade whose name I am about to place in nomination for Department Marshal is also a worker for the organization. I present to you for the nomination of Department Marshal the name of Morris Florea, Camp 19.

Morris, Camp 89:

I second the nomination.

MYER, Camp 46:

I move that the nominations close.

COON, Camp 31:

I second the motion.

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

All in favor say "Aye." Opposed, "No."
Carried.
The next is Department Surgeon.

RIGLEY, Camp 56:

I nominate for the office of Department Surgeon, Melville A. Hays, Camp 98.

GANNON, Camp 99:

I second the motion.

MYERS, Camp 53:

I second the nomination of Mr. Hays.

RIGNEY, Camp 56:

I move that the nominations close.

STIBBLE, Camp 1:

I second the motion.

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

All in favor say "Aye." Opposed, "No."
It is carried.
The next is Department Chaplain.

SHINN:

I would like to place in nomination a man whom we all love and whose interest has been with the organization for many years.

I take great pleasure, Comrades, in presenting the name of the Reverend Father Chidwick.

GANNON, Camp 99:

With pleasure I second the nomination.

GOODWIN:

I move that nominations for Department Chaplain now close.

FINN, Camp 5:

I second the motion.

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

All in favor say "Aye." Opposed, "No."
It is carried.
The next order is the nomination of four Delegates-at-Large.

BOND, Camp 36:

I nominate Paul A. Stobble, Camp 1.

Seconded by a Comrade.

A COMRADE:

I nominate P. S. Rigney, Camp 4.

DAVIS:

I second the nomination.

COON, Camp 31:

I place in nomination W. S. Goodwin, Camp 62.

A COMRADE:

I second the nomination.

SHINN:

I nominate Robert Mackin, Camp 5:

A Comrade:

I second the nomination.

Gannon, Camp 99:

I rise to nominate Alfred J. Kennedy, Camp 29.

Past Department Commander Jones:

I second the nomination of Mr. Kennedy.

Judge Advocate:

It has been suggested that we proceed to nominate eight and the four highest to be the Delegates and the next four the Alternates.

Daley, Camp 5:

I nominate J. S. Holmes, Camp 100.

A Comrade:

I second the nomination.

Reagan, Camp 28:

I nominate Otto Schmidt, Camp 59.

A Comrade:

I second the nomination.

Bell, Camp 19:

I take pleasure in nominating John Sigmund, Camp 19.

Past Department Commander Jones:

I move that the nominations close.

Stobble, Camp 1:

I don't think this is the correct procedure. I think the motion of Comrade Jones referred to the election which takes place to-

morrow, that the four highest be named as Delegates and the other four the Alternates.

JUDGE ADVOCATE:

It means the same thing. I believe that the Convention understands that, do they not? It has been moved and seconded that the nominations close.

All in favor say "Aye." Opposed, "No."

It is carried.

Is there any further business?

COXHEAD, Camp 44:

When do we name the place for the next meeting?

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE (resuming chair):

That will be the first thing in the morning. When we adjourn this afternoon we should adjourn to a certain time in the morning. I will appoint as a committee on the printing of the ballots, Hahn, Camp 12; Tyner, Camp 2, and Dunston, Camp 58.

RIGNEY, Camp 56:

I move that we adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

At to-morrow's session the Credential Committee was to report at 9 o'clock, their final report. I suggest that we begin our session to-morrow at 8:30. I move that we adjourn until 8:30 to-morrow morning.

A COMRADE:

I second the motion.

SPELLACY, Camp 11:

I wish to announce that there will be a meeting of the Grievance Committee at 5 o'clock.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

You have heard the motion that we now adjourn until 8:30 to-morrow morning.

All in favor say "Aye." Opposed, "No."

It is carried.

THIRD DAY — CONTINUOUS SESSION

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Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune (calling the Encampment to order):

The Department Marshal will see that all the Comrades come in and are seated.

Reverend Father Fox, Assistant Pastor St. Peter's Church, Saratoga Springs, will invoke the Divine blessing.

Father Fox:

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen: Omnipotent God, Master of men and nations, we humbly beg Thy benediction and protection. We pray Thy blessing upon this convention assembled, to the end that their deliberations may be just and righteous.

Our trust in Thee is absolute. Therefore, we beg Thee to grant to the President of these United States and all upon whom rests national responsibility wisdom that they may have an administration righteous, beneficial, humane and true. Give them strength to administer the laws with justice to all.

We recommend to Thy tender vicissitude those of our fellow citizens who recently and nobly responded to the call of the nation. Give them strength to perform their duty in this national crisis, and return them safely whenever their duty as soldiers is done.

Realizing our dependence upon Thee, we beg to say, Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them who trespass against us; lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, Amen.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

The first order of business is the report of the Credential Committee. We will now listen to the report of the Credential Committee.

HAHN, Chairman:

There are 254 registered delegates.

Moved and seconded that the report be not read. The first and last name being read.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

I move that the committee be continued and granted further time to report.

DELVALLIE, Camp 19:

I second the motion.

Carried.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

We will listen to the report of the Grievance Committee. I understand they are ready to report.

BEILMAN, Camp 15:

In the absence of the Chairman, I beg to report that the Grievance Committee has nothing to report to the Encampment.

A COMRADE:

I move that the report be accepted.

COON, Camp 31:

I second the motion.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

All in favor manifest by the usual voting sign. Opposed.

Carried.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

We have a communication which the Clerk will read.

NEWARK, N. J., *July* 3, 1916.

From: The Department Commander, Department of New Jersey.

To: The Department Commander, Department of New York.

Subject: Greetings.

On behalf of the Department of New Jersey, I extend to you and to the Officers and Comrades of the Department of New York, in annual encampment assembled, fraternal greetings and wishes for a pleasant and successful Encampment.

We have just held the most successful Encampment in the history of this Department, during which we were signally honored by the presence of Past Department Commanders Ralph H. Parker and William Jones and a large delegation of loyal Comrades of your Department, for which we are duly appreciative.

I also wish to congratulate you on your able administration of the Department of New York during the past year.

Fraternally and cordially,

Yours in F., P. and H.,

RAYMOND G. HUGHES,
Department Commander.

GRAND LAIR

MILITARY ORDER OF THE SERPENT

PROVINCE OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK, N. Y., *June* 30, 1916.

To the Department Commander and Comrades, U. S. V. W.:

GREETINGS.— It having come to the knowledge of the Great Serpent that divers Americans, many of whom do not acknowledge as their Master, the Serpent, have assembled at Saratoga Springs, where the Grand Lair, Province of New York, will hold

its Convocation July 3d, all true and loyal Companions of the Military Order of the Serpent are directed to capture these recalcitrants, so that the Torture may be applied to them at the Crawl of the Grand Lair at the Armory on July 4, 1916. After which a Bean Feed has been arranged, so that these Companions who made the past year so successful may Commune with our Master, the Serpent, in fitting form.

F. H. W. HERING,
Gu Gu Grandississimo.

Paul Stobbe,
Grand Thrice Infamous Inferior Gu Gu.

Official:

Paul Stobbe,
Gtiigg.

Congrenon, Camp 16:

I move that it be received.

Wilson, Camp 33.

I second the motion.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

All in favor manifest by the usual sign.

It is carried.

The communication extending greetings, what will you do with that?

Shinn, Camp 43:

I move you that the communication be received and answered.

Schlet, Camp 16:

I second the motion.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

All in favor manifest by the usual voting sign. Opposed, same. Carried.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

Are the delegates from the Glens Falls Camp here? If so, I will give the privilege of the floor, in relation to our next meeting place.

Hogan, Camp 9:

I will ask the Clerk to read the communications from the officials of Glens Falls.

Coon (reading):

City of Glens Falls, N. Y.

The Mayor's Office

To the United Spanish War Veterans, Department of New York, at the Thirteenth Annual Encampment being Held at Saratoga, July 3d, 4th and 5th:

Gentlemen.— Acting as representative for the people of Glens Falls, I hereby extend to your organization a cordial and hearty invitation to hold your next Annual Encampment here. Now, gentlemen, when I invite you to meet in Glens Falls, I do so with the full knowledge that should you decide to hold your next Encampment here you will certainly have no cause to regret it.

Glens Falls has often been called, and rightly so, the Queen City of the North. Situated at the foot of the magnificent Adirondack mountains, surrounded by many places of great historic importance, and in close proximity with two of the most famous summer resorts in the world, viz., Lake George with its beautiful scenery, and Saratoga with its wonderful mineral waters, it is an ideal place for any convention. In addition, our city, with its fine park system, wide streets and comfortable large homes, is one of the most beautiful in the whole State, and again I state that you will have no cause for regret if you hold your next Encampment here.

In closing, gentlemen, I request that you give this invitation your serious consideration, and I also want to assure you that we would consider it a great honor to have you select our city for your next Encampment.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD REED,

ER/LOC *Mayor.*

Chamber of Commerce,
Glens Falls, N. Y., *June* 30, 1916.

United Spanish War Veterans, Department of New York:

Gentlemen.— The Glens Falls Chamber of Commerce extends to you a most cordial invitation to consider our city for your Encampment in 1917. This city is an ideal location for spring and summer conventions, with our famous suburb Lake George, only nine miles distant and situated on the border of the magnificent Adirondack country. It is easily accessible by both train and electric cars to all points in the State. Located within a short trolley ride from Glens Falls are many places of historic interest and places of sport and amusement, such as fishing, boating, bathing, etc. The attractions of the city itself, however, are worthy of serious consideration, with its wide streets and beautiful homes it has the general aspect of a combined summer resort and substantial business community.

Trusting that we may have the pleasure of being your host for 1917, we remain,

GLENS FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
By W. K. Sumner,
Secretary.

Dreis, Camp 28:

I would like to say, Comrades, I think that for our next Encampment we cannot do better than Glens Falls. I move that we accept the invitation of the city of Glens Falls to hold our 1917 Encampment there.

Past Department Commander Jones:

I second the motion.

Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune:

All in favor manifest by the usual voting sign. Opposed. Carried.

McOmber, Camp 9:

We thank you for your kind consideration. Come and have a good time. It all depends upon you.

Past Department Commander Jones:

Comrade Commander: As Chairman of the Committee on Greetings, I beg to report that we have sent telegrams as follows: To Admiral George Dewey, U. S. A., Washington, D. C.; to General Nelson A. Miles, Washington, D. C.; Hon. Charles S. Whitman, Albany, N. Y., and to National Headquarters, U. S. W. V., St. Louis, Mo., the following telegram:

"Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, extends greetings.

(Signed) WM. JONES,
ALFRED J. KENNEDY,
ANDREW B. GILFILLAN."

"To Comrade L. J. Dyer, *Commander-in-Chief, U. S. W. V., Washington, D. C.:*

"The Department of New York, U. S. W. V., in convention assembled, extends heartiest greetings and congratulates you upon your successful administration.

(Signed) WM. JONES,
ALFRED J. KENNEDY."

"To Hon. Woodrow Wilson, *President of the United States, Washington, D. C.:*

"The Department of New York, U. S. W. V., in convention assembled, at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., extend to you our heartiest greetings, and pledge our undivided support to you as Commander-in-Chief of the land and naval forces.

(Signed) WM. JONES,
ALFRED J. KENNEDY,
ANDREW B. GILFILLAN."

Which report is respectfully submitted.

Rosenberg, Camp 59:

I move that the report be accepted and the committee discharged.

Ashmore, Camp 36:

I second the motion.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

All in favor manifest it by the usual voting sign. Opposed, the same.

Carried.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

As Chairman of the Committee on Testimonial. As you know, Comrades, in the past it has been the custom for the committee to receive subscriptions from the Camps. This year, after talking the matter over, we have decided that $50 should be voted for this purpose. Therefore, I move you that the sum of $50 be subscribed toward the purchasing of a testimonial for the retiring Department Commander.

DEMENT:

I second the motion.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

All in favor manifest by the usual voting sign. Opposed the same.

Carried.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

I beg to submit the following:

To the Delegates of the Thirteenth Annual Department Encampment:

COMRADES.— In compliance with Section 1, Article 9, By-Laws of the Department of New York, I beg to report that I have completed the editing of the proceedings of the administration covering my term of office as Department Commander.

The book, which is the largest ever published, contains 25 illustrations and 754 pages. Included are the Department By-Laws, all laws of the State of New York affecting our organization, and everything connected with our fight for preferential legislation, as I felt it would prove of material benefit to our beloved organization in years to come. While the labor entailed meant the burning

of much midnight oil, particularly with the index, I trust that its value will prove of sufficient worth to amply repay me for my labor.

I have heard some criticism as to the time of issue, but this is a condition which cannot be remedied while we publish such a large volume. As you are no doubt aware, the copy must first be introduced in due form in the State Assembly, after which it is ordered printed. I found that it could not be brought before the Assembly while anything of importance was before that body, and as the result it was not introduced until March 6, 1916. I was then informed that the State publishers would not handle the work while the Legislature was in session, and the work therefore was not started until the middle of April, 1916. Considerable time was taken in editing, as it is necessary to proof read three times.

Copies have been forwarded to all Delegates of the 1915 Encampment, all present Camp Commanders and various State and city officials, in addition to the officers of the National Encampment. Approximately 500 copies have been mailed.

At this time I respectfully recommend that this Encampment voice its appreciation to the Hon. Joseph M. Callahan, minority leader, State Assembly, for his courtesy in introducing the proceedings, to the Hon. Fred W. Hammond, Clerk of the Assembly, and members of his staff, Mr. James H. Hogan, Mr. James H. Millard, for the material assistance rendered in the mailing of these copies at the saving of $40 to the organization, and to Mr. Harvey M. Earing of the J. B. Lyon Company for the many courtesies shown to me in the editing of the proceedings.

July 3, 1916.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. JONES,
Past Department Commander.

COON, Camp 31:

I move you that the communication be accepted as read, and that the recommended courtesies be extended to those who helped in the work.

SUMNER, Camp 36:

I second the motion.

SENIOR VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDER MCCUNE:

All in favor say "Aye." Opposed, "No."

It is carried.

On motion, it was ordered that the discussion of yesterday, relating to preferential rights, etc., be expunged from the record.

COXEY, Camp 44:

I move you that where but one Comrade has been named for an office that someone be appointed to cast one vote for his election.

FLOREA, Camp 19:

The motion is out of order, as we have had a ballot printed containing the names of all the nominees.

The Resolution Committee made further report as follows:

COON, Reading Clerk (reading):

"*To the Department Encampment of the U. S. W. V., held at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., July* 3, 4 *and* 5, 1916:

"Barber Camp No. 3 desires your moral support in its efforts in behalf of a class of Spanish War Veterans who deserve consideration from the citizens of this State.

"There are many Spanish War Veterans who, after hostilities had ceased, took Federal Civil Service examinations for positions not only in our foreign possessions but also in the United States, and who by reason of a length of years spent in such positions have gained an experience which would be of service in their own State of New York."

Your Resolution Committee has amended it, and offers the following resolution:

"*Resolved,* by the Department Encampment, that we give our moral support to the efforts of Barber Camp No. 3 through legislation to be initiated by the above Camp, to the end that Spanish War Veterans shall have the same status as Veterans of the Civil War, in regard to appointment to positions available in Soldiers' Homes or the Homes of Woman's Relief Corps throughout the State."

SHINN:

I move that the report be concurred in.

NEWTON, Camp 73:

I second the motion.

JUDGE ADVOCATE (presiding):

All in favor say "Aye." Opposed, "No."
It is carried.

A discussion was had in relation to the amalgmation with the G. A. R.

By a COMRADE (Coon, Reading Clerk, reading):

Be it Resolved, That the incoming Department Commander be directed to take up the matter of organizing a Home Defense Legion, to be composed of United Spanish War Veterans; and, be it further

Resolved, That he take up with the War Department the question of arming and equipping such legion.

JUDGE ADVOCATE (after discussion):

All in favor say "Aye." Opposed, "No."
Carried.

At this point Department Commander Frank S. Sidway appeared and assumed charge. (Applause.)
The Resolution Committee reported the following:

COON, Reading Clerk (reading):

The following resolution was referred to your committee:

WHEREAS, At the last Constitutional Convention and the recent Legislature, the proposition to give the soldier of the Spanish War the same preference as those of the Civil War; and,

WHEREAS, The majority of the delegates and the members of the State Legislature favored and worked for our measure; be it

Resolved, That this Encampment instruct Comrade Thomas F. Gannon, of the 69th Regiment Camp No. 93, to convey the unanimous expression of thanks and gratitude to various legislators for their magnanimous support.

The resolution has been revised by the Resolution Committee and now reads as follows:

WHEREAS, At the Constitutional Convention and the session of the last Legislature, the proposition to give the Veterans of the Spanish American War the same preference in civil service as those of the Civil War; and,

WHEREAS, The majority of the delegates to the Constitutional Convention and the members of the State Legislature favored and worked for this measure; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Encampment of the U. S. W. V. of the Department of New York, assembled in Saratoga Springs, July 3, 4 and 5, 1916, shall appoint a committee of three to convey the appreciation of their services and the thanks of this Department Encampment to such delegates and members of the State Legislature.

The Resolution Committee, to whom this resolution was referred, respectfully recommends the adoption of this resolution, and suggests to the Department Commander that Comrade Thomas F. Gannon, of the 69th Regiment Camp No. 93, be Chairman of such committee.

COON, Camp 31:

I move that the report be concurred in.

BANK, Camp 2:

I second the motion.
Duly adopted.

DAVIS:

I move that the Committee on Resolutions be discharged.

Coon, Camp 31:

I second the motion.
Duly adopted.

Report of the Committee on Credentials, showing 264 delegates, was received and adopted.

Past Department Commander Jones:

I move you that we proceed to the election of officers.

Watson, Camp 85:

I second the motion.

Department Commander Sidway:

It is moved and seconded that we now proceed to the election of officers. All in favor say "Aye." Opposed, "No."
It is carried.
I will appoint as Tellers —
Lakestream, Camp 52.
Martin, Camp 59.
Reagan, Camp 28.
Strang, Camp 11.
Van Pelt, Camp 58.
I will appoint Rigney in place of Van Pelt.

Cunningham:

I rise to a question of personal privilege. Yesterday I was supposed to be here to second the nomination of a candidate for Department Commander. It was brought to me that I refused to second the nomination of Comrade McCune ——

Past Department Commander Jones:

I rise to a point of order.

Department Commander Sidway:

The Comrade is out of order. I will appoint Comrade Roemhild as a Teller in place of Comrade Van Pelt.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

I move that the Camps fall in line and vote as the number of the Camp is called in rotation.

COON:

I second the motion.
Adopted.

A committee of the Ladies' Auxiliary appearing, the Commander appointed Past Department Commander Jones and Past Department Commander Cunningham a committee to escort the ladies to the platform.

CHAIRMAN OF LADIES' COMMITTEE:

Our President-General, Sister Hamilton, has sent us as a committee to convey our greetings to your Encampment. She directed us to say that she hoped for a harmonious conclusion of your Encampment and to convey to the officers elected our best wishes for a successful administration.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER SIDWAY:

I will ask Past Department Commander Jones to reply.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

Comrade Department Commander, Sisters of the Auxiliary: On behalf of the members of the Department of New York, and as National Chief of Staff, I might add, on behalf of the National Organization, I assure you that we fully appreciate your words of encouragement, and in return we pledge our undivided support to anything within reason to further the interest of your organization.

(Ladies' Committee escorted from the hall.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER SIDWAY:

At this time I think it is proper that I should apologize to the Encampment for not being here before. I was in Saratoga on

Sunday night, when I received word that my old regiment, the 74th of Buffalo, was going to leave the next day, and that I had been appointed major of the Depot Battalion. It became necessary for me to go home at once, as I felt that my duty to the State was greater than my duty to the Encampment. After staying home two days, I succeeded in arranging things with another officer so that I was able to come back.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER CUNNINGHAM:

What is the business before the Convention at the present time?

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER SIDWAY:

We are awaiting the report of the Tellers. If anyone has anything for the good of the order we will hear him. I understand that a Delegate has a resolution he would like to offer on behalf of his Camp.

CURTIN, Camp 4:

I ask permission to offer the following:

At a regular meeting of Wm. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, U. S. W. V., held at Room 2, Borough Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y., April, 1916, it was duly

Resolved, That the Delegates from this Camp at the next Department Encampment, place before said body the question of adopting a standard uniform overcoat, and that said matter be placed before the next National Encampment through the Delegates elected at said Department Encampment.

RIGNEY, Camp 4:

I move the adoption of the resolution.

JONES:

I second the motion.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER SIDWAY:

All in favor say "Aye." Opposed, "No."
It is carried.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

At this time I rise to move a vote of thanks to the retiring Department officers for the splendid manner in which they have conducted the affairs of the Department during the past year.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER CUNNINGHAM:

I rise to second the motion.

Motion put by Comrade Cunningham and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER CUNNINGHAM:

I move you that a vote of thanks be extended to the local committee and to Saratoga Camp 58, to the city officials, and to all persons who have aided in making this Encampment a success.

MYER, Camp 46:

I second the motion.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER SIDWAY:

You have heard the motion. All in favor please rise.

It is unanimously adopted.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JONES:

At a meeting of the Council of Administration it was unanimously voted to recommend to this Encampment something which in the future will prevent the unpleasantness brought up at yesterday's session. The Council of Administration unanimously decided to recommend to this Encampment that the Department be required to issue monthly a bulletin showing the moneys received and expended. On behalf of the Council of Administration I move you that such bulletin be issued monthly showing a list of all moneys received and an itemized account of all moneys paid.

GRIFFIN, Camp 62:

I second the motion.

Johnson, Camp 11:

I move as an amendment that this be adopted as an amendment to the By-Laws.

Ymmons, Camp 90:

I will second the amendment.

Past Department Commander Jones:

I will withdraw the entire previous question. I offer a by-law to be known as section 7 of article 7 of the By-Laws of this Department, " The Department Commander shall publish in the monthly issue, which is known as The Bulletin, an account of all moneys received and expended during the preceding month."

Hall, Camp 9:

I will second the amendment to the By-Laws.

Department Commander Sidway:

All in favor say "Aye." Opposed, " No."
It is carried.

Shinn, Camp 43:

Commander Quinn, Camp No. 100, has requested that I read two resolutions as submitted to this Encampment by that Camp. The first resolution reads:

Whereas, The representative official newspaper organ of the United Spanish War Veterans, " *The American Standard,*" does not represent the entire organization, owing to the fact that it is " serving too many masters;" therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Department of New York, in Encampment assembled at Saratoga Springs, New York, July 3, 4 and 5, 1916, recommend the discontinuance of the paying of any funds from the treasury of the national organization for the support of " *The American Standard;*" and be it further

Resolved, That if this publication wishes to remain the organ of the organization it do it under fair competition, and hence we would be benefited by a better service and publication.

JAMES P. QUINN,
Commander.
WILLIAM AVERY,
Senior Vice-Commander.
H. SMITH,
Adjutant.

The second resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, The United Spanish War Veterans of the State of New York, in Encampment assembled on July 3, 4 and 5, 1915, at Utica, New York, adopted resolutions referring to graded retirement of enlisted men of the United States Army. These resolutions were unanimously endorsed and adopted by the State Encampment and also by the National Encampment at Scranton, Pennsylvania, 1915, and recommended to and placed in the hands of our Legislative Committee for congressional action. The congressional records fail to show any action on the part of our Legislative Committee in Washington with a view to the enactment into law of these resolutions. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the New York State Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, ask for an accounting of these resolutions as placed in the hands of the committee and ascertain what action, if any, has been taken on the pledge given by the National Encampment of 1915.

JAMES P. QUINN,
Commander,
WILLIAM AVERY,
Senior Vice-Commander,
H. SMITH,
Adjutant,
Committee on Resolutions.

GRIFFIN (after discussion):

I move the adoption of the first resolution as read.

Koverick:

I second the motion.
Adopted.

Kaverick:

I move the adoption of the second resolution as read.

Griffin:

I second the motion.
Adopted.

Hamilton:

I move that the incoming administration request all Camp Commanders to give the names, rank and regiment of all members of our organization serving under the colors at present.

Past Department Commander Jones:

I second the motion.
Adopted.

Hamilton:

As Department Historian, I have received to-day two reports of Camps. I move that they be included in the Historian's report.

Past Department Commander Jones:

I move that all reports received up to August 31, 1916, be included in the annual proceedings of this encampment.

Leuper:

I second the motion.

Ringer:

In order to bring the matter before the convention, I move you that the Delegates-at-Large from this Department be directed to present to the National Encampment at Chicago a resolution

directing the appointment of a committee to confer with the Grand Army of the Republic along the lines of having the by-laws of the Grand Army of the Republic modified so as to take in veterans of the Spanish War.

DAVIS, Camp 43:

I second the motion.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER SIDWAY (after discussion):

All in favor say "Aye." Opposed, "No."
It is carried.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER SIDWAY:

We will now receive the report of the tellers on the election of officers.

CHAIRMAN OF TELLERS:

For Department Commander the whole number of votes cast was 238
Of which George W. McCune received 159
Charles P. Shinn received 77
Blank 2

For Senior Vice-Commander, Archibald R. MacFarland received 238
For Junior Vice-Commander, William J. Kennedy received . . 238
For Department Marshal, Morris Florea received 238
For Department Surgeon, Melville A. Hays received 238
For Department Chaplain, Father Chidwick received 238

For Delegates to National Encampment:
Paul A. Stobbe received 171
Alfred J. Kennedy received 142
W. S. Goodwin received 127
Otto Schmidt received 124

For Alternates to National Encampment:
J. S. Holmes received 114
P. S. Rigney received 100

Robert Mackin received	92
John Sigmund received	37
J. P. Holden received	1
Blank	3
Void	4

SHINN, Camp 43:

I move that we make the election of Comrade McCune unanimous, and I want to say that I will give him my heartiest support. To the Comrades who voted for me I want to say that I most deeply appreciate the work done for me the past few months.

RICE:

I second the motion.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER SIDWAY:

All in favor say "Aye." Opposed, "No."
Carried.

GANNON:

I move that the Department Commander appoint a committee to escort the newly elected officers to the rostrum.

REAGAN:

I second the motion.
Adopted.

On motion, seconded and adopted, the tellers were discharged with the thanks of the Department.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER SIDWAY:

I will appoint as such committee Past Department Commanders Jones and Cunningham.

(Newly elected officials conducted to the platform.)

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER SIDWAY:

I have the pleasure of presenting to you your new Department Commander George W. McCune.

Department Commander McCune:

Department Commander, Comrades, Delegates to this Encampment: I thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me in electing me your Department Commander. I assure you as I stand here that when I turn this gavel over at the next Encampment to the next Commander it will be just as straight and just as clean as when I receive it. (Applause.)

I want each and every member of this organization to help me, and I assure you that I hold no animosity against any member of this organization. I thank you. (Applause.)

The newly elected Department Commander announced the appointment of Fred Draper, Troy, Department Judge Advocate.

Newly elected officials duly installed and the Encampment adjourned *sine die* at 12:45 p. m.

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UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

Department of New York

General Orders and Reports of Officers

William T. Hunt, Junior Vice Department Commander

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BULLETIN OF THE UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

Department of New York

August 2, 1915.

General Orders No. 1

Series 1915–1916

1. Having been duly elected and installed as Commander of the Department of New York at the Twelfth Annual Encampment, held at Utica, N. Y., July 5, 6, 7 and 8, 1915, I hereby assume command.

Headquarters

2. Headquarters will be established in Mutual Life building, 210 Pearl street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Department Officers

3. The following officers were also elected at the Twelfth Annual Encampment to serve for the ensuing year:

Senior Vice-Department Commander, George W. McCune, Camp No. 2.

Junior Vice-Department Commander, William T. Hunt, Camp No. 3.

Department Inspector, William S. Goodwin, Camp No. 62.

Department Surgeon, Melville A. Hayes, M. D., Camp No. 98.

Department Chaplain, Rev. Wm. H. I. Reaney, Camp No. 5.

Department Marshal, William J. Kennedy, Camp No. 46.

Delegates-at-Large

John E. J. Clare, Old Guard Camp No. 19, New York City; Frank R. W. Hering, Manhattan Camp No. 1, New York City; Walter V. McCoy, David Wilson Camp No. 59, New York City; Alfred J. Kennedy, Capt. W. S. Overton Camp No. 29, Whitestone, N. Y.

Alternates

Charles F. Schmidt, Emerson H. Liscum Camp No. 33, Utica, N. Y.; Edward E. Swartwood, West Point Camp No. 85, West Point, N. Y.; Hugh J. Joyce, Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 91, New York City; Peter J. Wagner, Capt. Frank R. Palmer Camp No. 28, Albany, N. Y.

Appointments

4. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Chief of Staff, Charles P. Shinn, Camp No. 43, 26 Church street, New York City; Department Adjutant, Andrew B. Gilfillan, Camp No. 12; Department Quartermaster, William C. Strauss, Camp No. 17; Assistant Department Adjutant, Chas. A. Metzler, Camp No. 15; Assistant Department Adjutant, Frederick Schroeder, Camp No. 59; Assistant Department Quartermaster, Albert Hahn, Camp No. 12; Department Musician, W. Elmore Slack, Camp No. 28.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Personal

5. For the first time since the Spanish War a Constitutional Convention is sitting at the Capitol at Albany. This Constitutional Convention has before it amendments giving a preference to the Spanish War Veterans of this State in appointment to office, in promotion and in retention in office, in the Civil Service of the State. All Comrades who can bring any influence to bear upon any member of this convention are urged to do so, pointing out to members of this convention that actual or possible military power is the foundation of every State and that whenever a State has lost this military power the State has speedily disappeared; that the Civil Service is only the superstructure of the State and that if the foundation fails the superstructure will collapse; that if the people of this State want to continue the system of voluntary enlistment which prevailed during the Spanish War and which has been the general policy of this country since its foundation, the present is no time to treat lightly men who have served in previous wars. I believe that all Spanish War Veterans want to see this country maintain peace with honor, but I also believe

that conditions at present are much more critical than they were in 1898 before the explosion which destroyed the Maine.

Correspondence

6. All communications, requisitions, etc., must be forwarded to Department Adjutant.

General Orders

7. Camp Commanders are hereby directed to instruct their Adjutants to forward to each Comrade in good standing, in their respective Camps, a copy of each General Order received. Failure to comply with this order will show neglect and will be dealt with accordingly.

There were issued in Volume No. 12, Series 1914–15, 12 General Orders.

Aides-de-Camp

8. Camp Commanders are requested to forward to headquarters the name of a Comrade, together with his address, to serve as Aide-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander.

It will be expected that the Camp Commander in making this selection will exercise good judgment, as the position will not be an honorary one, but one that will require a man of energy, ability and soldierly bearing.

National Encampment

10. The Twelfth National Encampment will be held in Scranton, Pa., on August 30, 31, and September 1, 1915. Department Headquarters is very anxious that the Department of New York be well represented. Comrades who will attend the Encampment are requested to forward their names and addresses to the Department Adjutant at once. The D., L. and W. R. R. Co. made the following round trip rates from points in this State:

New York	$5 80
Buffalo	10 35
Binghamton	2 55
Elmira	4 60
Oswego	7 10
Syracuse	5 70
Utica	6 35

Taps

1. Comrade Lorenzo Fenzel, late Privite Co. D, 65th N. Y. V. I., died June 18, 1915, was buried June 21, 1915, at Holy Cross Cemetery, Buffalo, N. Y., with full military honors conducted by O'Neil Camp No. 15, U. S. W. V.

The sympathy of these headquarters is hereby extended to the family and relatives of the deceased Comrade, and to the Camp with which he was connected.

By order of

FRANK S. SIDWAY,

Department Commander.

Official:

ANDREW B. GILFILLAN,

Department Adjutant.

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DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

September 1, 1915.

General Orders No. 2

Series 1915–1916

Aides-de-Camp

1. The following appointments are hereby announced on the staff of the Department Commander:

Camp No. 1, Comrade Paul Stobbe.
Camp No. 3, Comrade Oscar Stalker.
Camp No. 8, Comrade Ernest Parbury.
Camp No. 10, Comrade Charles P. Krauth.
Camp No. 12, Comrade William A. Flett.
Camp No. 15, Comrade Claude Whisman.
Camp No. 20, Comrade Edward E. Hardin.
Camp No. 22, Comrade William Reineke.
Camp No. 23, Comrade John Bickerstaff.

Camp No. 36, Comrade C. A. Bond.
Camp No. 49, Comrade T. E. Morris.
Camp No. 58, Comrade Geo. W. Ainsworth.
Camp No. 62, Comrade Charles Gustavus.
Camp No. 69, Comrade Frederic M. D. Presher.
Camp No. 80, Comrade A. Schneckenberger.
Camp No. 85, Comrade Charles J. Watson.
Camp No. 92, Comrade Alexander J. Smith.
Camp No. 96, Comrade Vincent White.
Camp No. 100, Comrade James P. Quinn.

Aides-de-Camp will immediately signify their acceptance of the appointment by notifying Headquarters. Failure to do so within ten days after the receipt of this order, will be deemed a declination of the office. Unless the Commanders of Camps not included in the above immediately forward the name of a Comrade for appointment as Aide-de-Camp, the Department Commander will fill the vacancy existing in the Camp.

General Orders

2. Camp Adjutants are hereby directed to immediately acknowledge the receipt of all orders received. In future an acknowledgment card will be enclosed with the General Orders.

Semi-Annual Report

3. The following Camps are still delinquent:

Newell Rising No. 68, Hudson No. 71, Colonial No. 75, Thos. H. Fitzgerald No. 79, W. P. Potter No. 90, Empire City No. 92, Gen. Stephan Moffat No. 94.

Legislation

4. The following is a statement compiled by the Chairman of the Legislative Committee. List of Districts, number of petition signers and who introduced by in Constitutional Convention, Albany, N. Y., August 5, 6 and 9, 1915:

Second District, Queens county, Brooklyn, 1,950 signers, Ryan.
Fifth District, Kings county, Brooklyn, 950 signers, Byrne.
Sixth District, Kings county, Brooklyn, 675 signers, Bannister.
Seventh District, Kings county, Brooklyn, 675 signers, Ward.

Eighth District, Kings county, Brooklyn, 875 signers, Bayes.

Tenth District, Kings county, 1,300 signers, Linde.

Borough of Brooklyn, various districts, 6,000 signers, Linde.

Fourteenth District, New York county, Manhattan, 1,000 signers, Foley.

Sixteenth District, New York county, Manhattan, 950 signers, Wagner.

Eighteenth District, New York county, Manhattan, 950 signers, Eisner.

Twentieth District, New York county, Manhattan, 800 signers, Burkan.

Nineteenth District, New York county, Manhattan, 2,025 signers, Unger.

Twenty-first District, Bronx county, 1,850 signers, Donovan.

Twenty-second District, Bronx county, 1,900 signers, Griffin.

Borough of Manhattan, various districts, 7,000 signers, Unger.

Twenty-third, twenty-fifth, twenty-seventh Districts, several counties, 875 signers, Blauvelt.

Twenty-eighth District, Albany county, 1,850 signers, probably Hinman.

Twenty-ninth District, Troy and vicinity, 1,375 signers, Heaton.

Thirtieth District, Saratoga county, 600 signers, Ostrander.

Thirty-first District, Schenectady county, 1,100 signers, Landreth.

Thirty-second District, St. Lawrence, etc., 300 signers, Mereness.

Thirty-fifth District, Utica, etc., 1,075 signers, Martin.

Thirty-eighth and fortieth Districts, Syracuse, etc., 775 signers, Cobb.

Thirty-ninth District, Binghamton, etc., 1,050 signers, Green.

Forty-first District, Elmira, etc., 825 signers, Mandeville.

Forty-fifth and forty-sixth Districts, Rochester, etc., 825 signers, Curran.

Forty-seventh District, Niagara Falls and Lockport, 625 signers, Lindsay.

Forty-eighth, forty-ninth and fiftieth Districts, 2,400 signers, Schoenhut.

Total signatures, 42,575 signers.

Information Wanted

5. I would like to hear from Comrades who served with Captain Wise in Co. L., Fourth U. S. Vol. Immunes, as I need more proof in obtaining a pension. I will be very grateful to those who may answer.

COMRADE CLARENCE MARSHALL,
77 Hunter Avenue, Long Island City, N. Y.

Changes

6. Comrade C. P. Shinn, Chief of Staff, U. S. W. V. Address, 96 Church street, instead of 26.

The following changes in the officers of Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20: Officer of the Guard, Comrade David M. Lavine; Chaplain and Historian, Comrade Peter J. Hart; Adjutant, William H. Green. Address, Fifty-third Co., C. A. C., Fort Wadsworth, N. Y.

New Camps

7. By authority of the Commander-in-Chief, Camp No. 87 was reorganized and permission granted to change the name to Foreign Service Camp. Commander, M. F. McNamara, 169 128th street; Adjutant, William J. Lynn, 318 East 126th street; Quartermaster, John H. Temms, 229 Willis avenue, New York City.

Colonel Charles W. Williams Camp No. 101 was instituted on June 22, 1915, at Highland Falls, N. Y. Commander, John Murphy, mailing address, Box 144, Highland Falls, N. Y.; Senior Vice-Commander, Lafayette I. Wiman, Highland Falls, N. Y.; Junior Vice-Commander, Alexander D. Scott, Box '04, Highland Falls, N. Y.; Officer of the Day, Howard L. Pearsall, Highland Falls, N. Y.; Officer of the Guard, William Jones, Highland Falls, N. Y.; Trustee three years, Henry Collis; two years, Jacob Schall; one year, Frank J. Branigan, Highland Falls, N. Y.; Adjutant, Henry J. Hassler, West Point, N. Y., mailing address, West Point, N. Y.; Quartermaster, George L. Marsh, Highland Falls, N. Y., mailing address, Box 47, West Point, N. Y.; Chaplain, Edwin McCormick, Highland Falls, N. Y.; Historian, Henry J. Hassler, Highland Falls, N. Y.; Sergeant Major, James Coffey, Highland Falls, N. Y.; Quartermaster Sergeant, John

Kniffen, Highland Falls, N. Y.; Color Sergeant, Senior, Daniel Carrol, Highland Falls, N. Y.; Color Sergeant, John J. Cody, Highland Falls, N. Y.; Chief Musician, Howard L. Pearsall, Highland Falls, N. Y.

Department Encampment Proceedings

Comrades desiring a copy of the 1914 Department Encampment proceedings, can obtain same by sending 10c to cover cost of postage, to Past Department Commander Wm. Jones, No. 4380 Carpenter avenue, New York City.

Taps

1. Comrade John L. McCluskey, member of Manhattan Camp No. 1, late Corporal Co. D, 2d N. J. Vol. Infy., died July 19th, buried Sunday, July 25th, at the Bronx National Cemetery, East 180th street, with full military honors.

2. Comrade Philip J. O'Connell, member of Manhattan Camp No. 1, late Private Troop I, 6th Cavalry, U. S. A., died August 13th; buried August 15th at Calvary Cemetery, with full military honors.

3. Comrade Joseph W. Baker, member of Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 73, died on August 14th and was buried in the National Cemetery at Cypress Hills on August 17th, the funeral services being conducted by the Camp.

4. Comrade Officer of the Guard Ernest E. Dicks of Captain M. W. Marvin Camp No. 96, died June 16, 1915. Funeral was held Friday, June 18, with U. S. W. V., Military and Masonic service, from Co. F., 1st Inf. Armory, where he had been employed for twenty-three years.

5. Comrade James McGill, member of Naval Camp No. 49, died May 31, 1915, born September 19, 1874. Entered the service of the U. S. Navy August 7, 1897, and served during the Spanish-American War on the U. S. S. Detroit; discharged August 8, 1900.

6. Comrade Andrew Hultz, member of Seyburn Liscum Camp No. 12, late Private Co. F, 202d N. Y. V. I., died August 30. Buried September 2 at Pine Hill, Buffalo, N. Y.

7. Comrade Nelson W. Wilson, member of Seyburn Liscum Camp No. 12, late Lieutenant and Acting Surgeon U. S. Army, died August 30. Buried September 2 at Forest Lawn, Buffalo, N. Y.

The sympathy of these headquarters is hereby extended to the family and relatives of the deceased Comrade, and to the Camp with which he was connected.

By order of

FRANK S. SIDWAY,

Department Commander.

Official:

ANDREW B. GILFILLAN,

Department Adjutant.

BULLETIN OF THE UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

October 1, 1915.

General Orders No. 3

Series 1915–1916

Appointments

1. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Department Judge Advocate, Thomas E. Boyd, Camp No. 12, Prudential Building, Buffalo, N. Y.

Department Patriotic Instructor, Gerald J. O'Keefe, Camp No. 93.

Department Historian, Garrett V. Johnson, M. D., Camp No. 11.

Assistant Department Quartermaster, Joseph Desch, Camp No. 4.

Aides-de-Camp

2. The following appointments are hereby announced on the staff of the Department Commander:

Comrade Charles M. Amey, Camp No. 4.
Comrade Edward J. Fitzsimmons, Camp No. 5.
Comrade Fred B. Rickert, Camp No. 11.
Comrade Louis Guyer, Camp No. 14.
Comrade Henry R. Hooe, Camp No. 18.
Comrade Joseph B. Lord, Camp No. 21.
Comrade Edwin J. Young, Camp No. 25.
Comrade George Ford, Camp No. 27.
Comrade John J. Inman, Camp No. 30.
Comrade M. J. Buckley, Camp No. 37.
Comrade William C. Whiting, Camp No. 46.
Comrade Thomas Shanley, Camp No. 59.
Comrade Louis J. Chesner, Camp No. 60.
Comrade Alfred J. Tooker, Camp No. 67.
Comrade William E. Ryan, Camp No. 78.
Comrade William C. Martin, Camp No. 83.
Comrade Albert W. Bement, Camp No. 90.
Comrade John J. Manning, Camp No. 93.

District Inspectors

John Fitzgerald, Camp No. 84.
Robert N. Mackin, Camp No. 5.
Daniel Arundell, Camp No. 62.
Osacr F. Berger, Camp No. 10.
Walter V. McCoy, Camp No. 59.
Fred G. Newell, Camp No. 7.
Ernst W. Larkin, Camp No. 48.
B. A. Worrall, Camp No. 61.
John Niemayer, Camp No. 29.
William E. White, Camp No. 4.
John E. J. Claire, Camp No. 19.
James Lavery, Camp No. 24.
W. H. Holmes, Camp No. 18.
Abram V. Burton, Camp No. 78.

Edward E. Swartwood, Camp No. 85.
William S. Fredenrich, Camp No. 28.
Thomas J. Bourke, Camp No. 2.
Charles E. Garlock, Camp No. 51.
C. F. Schmidt, Camp No. 33.
P. J. Guilfoil, Camp No. 86.
Albert W. Bement, Camp No. 90.
Frank W. Wood, Camp No. 3.
J. Harris Sawyer, Camp No. 96.
W. A. Spencer, Camp No. 72.
Louis J. Follette, Camp No. 58.
N. C. Perkins, Camp No. 60.
Robert P. Hill, Camp No. 42.
Perl A. Butts, Camp No. 45.
Howard McOmber, Camp No. 9.
Joseph M. Brecker, Camp No. 15.
J. K. Barlow, Camp No. 99.
Paul Stobbe, Camp No. 1.
William E. Whiting, Camp No. 46.
E. B. Moller, Camp No. 27.
They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Legislative Committee

Chairman, Judge Advocate Thomas E. Boyd, Camp No. 12.

Vice-Chairman, Past Commander Thomas F. Hawkins, Camp No. 24.

Past Department Judge Advocate, Calvin S. McChesney, Camp No. 2.

Past Senior Vice-Department Commander, James D. Tweed, Camp No. 78.

Commander P. Samuel Rigney, Camp No. 4.
Commander Joseph P. Thompson, Camp No. 20.
Commander Dean Nelson, Camp No. 23.
Commander James McD. Ellis, Camp No. 25.
Past Commander Bernard J. Fagan, Camp No. 1.
Past Commander Burton L. Rider, Camp No. 26.
Past Commander Alfred J. Kennedy, Camp No. 29.
Past Commander William E. Loomis, Camp No. 3.

Past Commander Fred W. Dunson, Camp No. 58.
Past Commander John S. Strachan, Camp No. 11.
Past Commander Patrick J. Guilfoyle, Camp No. 86.
Past Commander John D. Driscoll, Camp No. 40.
Comrade Michael J. Quirk, Camp No. 10.
Comrade William S. Bowen, Camp No. 33.

Committee on Extension of the Order

Chairman, Chief of Staff, Charles P. Shinn.
Secretary, Department Adjutant Andrew B. Gilfillan.
Department Marshal, William J. Kennedy.
Commander John A. O'Donnell, Camp No. 1.
Commander Wm. G. Russell, Jr., Camp No. 14.
Commander George B. Gamsby, Camp No. 16.
Commander Charles H. Wenz, Camp No. 66.
Commander Thomas C. Collins, Camp No. 74.
Commander James S. Holmes, Camp No. 100.
Past Commander Alfred H. Torbet, Camp No. 19.
Past Commander Joseph A. Donnely, Camp No. 21.
Past Commander Clarence E. Clark, Camp No. 28.
Past Commander Frank L. Bissell, Camp No. 44.
Past Commander William O. Isaacson, Camp No. 45.
Past Commander H. O. Clair, Camp No. 56.
Comrade John A. Hickey, Camp No. 87.
Senior Vice-Commander Claude L. Seiler, Camp No. 25.
Adjutant Albert E. Reiling, Camp No. 98.

In addition to the above, all Department Officers, Past Department Commanders, District Inspectors and Aides will serve as members of this committee.

Prizes for Recruiting for Year Ending June 30, 1916

First. Prizes for Camp showing largest percentage of increase.

First Prize donated by Major Henry W. Brendel, Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12..... $25 00

Second Prize, name of donor to be announced later.... 10 00

Second. Prizes for Camp securing the largest number of members.

First Prize donated by Department Commander Frank S. Sidway $25 00

Second Prize, name of donor to be announced later.... 10 00

Third. Prize to be awarded to the Comrade securing the largest number of members.

One Prize, donated by Chief of Staff Charles P. Shinn. $20 00

Both of the above named Prizes for Camps will not be awarded to the same Camp.

All of the above named Prizes will be awarded at the next Department Encampment.

Advisory Council

With the adoption and approval of the Department By-Laws, all Past Commanders are members of the Council of Administration, and shall also act as an advisory board to the Department Commander. It is needless to say the Department Commander will expect each Past Department Commander to constitute a committee to help in the upbuilding of the Department.

Recruiting

In line with the nation's program of preparedness must be our own plan to prepare for future difficulties and the best means at our disposal is the recruiting of our ranks. In nearly every part of this State there are many men who are eligible to join our ranks and who need but to be asked. Each Comrade should make of himself a committee of one to seek out these eligibles, to present forcibly the reasons why they should become members of our order and then lead them to the next muster of the Camp nearest their home. Keep-everlasting-at-it will obtain the desired results and if met with rebuffs, send some one else to urge the claims of our order. This is a campaign which will not fail for it is founded upon the theory that no man can long remain indifferent to the call of his comrades. A good soldier always is prepared and a good Comrade should be likewise prepared by having at all times an application blank, which is the easiest thing to carry and will always do the trick. First seek out your prospective, then try to

enlist his attention and once you have gained his ear, offer him the application blank and it will speak for itself. Get busy! Recruit!

Official Visits

It is the desire of the Department Commander to visit every Camp in the department during his term of office. To accomplish this, it will be necessary to make an itinerary.

Camp Commanders will please forward as soon as possible, several dates that will be agreeable to the Camp for an official visit. In this connection, if Commanders desire the presence of the Department Commander at a public function in lieu of an official visit, especial effort will be made to be present. It is the desire of the Department Commander that no attempt be made to make any plans of entertainment, as the visit will be made for the purpose of stimulating interest in our beloved organization and the presence of the comrades will amply repay him for the visit.

Chief of Staff

By direction of the Department Commander, the Department Chief of Staff has established an office in the Second Field Artillery Armory, 166th street and Franklin avenue, New York City. This office will be open every Friday night at 8 P. M., for the transaction of Departmental business. All Comrades of Greater New York and vicinity are invited to visit this office, where information pertaining to the Department will be furnished by the Chief of Staff.

Camp Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters should avail themselves of this opportunity to meet once a week and exchange ideas that will not only benefit themselves, but their Camps and the organization.

Reports

By a resolution adopted at the last Department Encampment, reports of Camp Historians, for the period from July 1, 1914, to June 30, 1915, were to be received for publication in the 1914–15 proceedings. To date not one report has been received since the Encampment. The history of each Camp is of great importance and Camp Commanders should see to it that their

Historian forwards this report to Past Commander Wm. Jones, No. 4380 Carpenter avenue, New York City, without delay.

National Officers Elected at Scranton, Pa.

Commander-in-Chief — Comrade L. C. Dyer, St. Louis, Mo.

Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief — Neil T. McDonald of Massachusetts.

Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief — Edward R. Conley of Pennsylvania.

Deputy Commanders-in-Chief — E. L. Toomey of Hawaii; William Johnson of Porto Rico, and John Smith of the Philippines.

Surgeon General — S. Clifford Cox of District of Columbia.

Chaplain General — John Randolph, U. S. Army.

This Department was honored with the first appointment by the new Commander-in-Chief — that of National Chief of Staff to Past Department Commander William Jones.

The Department Commander at this time wishes to thank the Delegates to Scranton for their loyal support.

Resolutions

The National Encampment adopted the resolutions recommended by the Department at our last Department Encampment.

Past Committee on Legislation

The Department Commander wishes to publicly thank Comrade James S. Long, the chairman of the Committee on Legislation, for the hard work which he did as chairman of that committee. The thanks of the Department are also due to the other members of the Committee on Legislation. While our effort to have the Constitutional Convention adopt an amendment giving a preference to Spanish War Veterans in the Civil Service of the State was not successful, a great deal of progress was made and the work that was done will be of value in the future. There seems to be a great deal of dissatisfaction with the work of the Constitutional Convention, and it is entirely probable that the proposed Constitution will not be adopted at the coming election.

In recognition of the work done by Comrade Long as Chairman of the Committee on Legislation, a complimentary dinner will be given him at "The Imperial," Brooklyn, N. Y., on Wednesday evening, October 27, 1915. The Department Commander will attend.

Errata

The following error detected in General Order No. 2: Camp No. 90 in the list of other delinquents is erroneous, as this Camp did file their report and pay their per capita tax.

Information Wanted

In behalf of the widow of a Spanish War Veteran I am seeking information and if you can furnish it I would be very much obliged. I want to find some one who knew William J. Bradley, Corporal of Company "G," 8th Regiment Infantry, New York Volunteers, who enlisted in May, 1898, and was discharged in November the same year. If you know the man or if you know any one who knew him, please let me know as soon as you possibly can. Fraternally yours, Charles H. Baxter, 139 East 150th street, New York City.

Albert A. Schroff, who served in the U. S. Marine Corps from 1899 to 1904, desires to hear from men who served with Major L. W. T. Waller at Tien-Tsin, China, in 1900; is particularly desirous of locating Gunnery Sergeant Willard N. Stevens. Comrade Schroff's address is 101 Cornelia street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Changes

Comrade William W. Baird, 650 Hamilton avenue, Richmond Hill, L. I., appointed Adjutant Camp No. 66, vice Avery C. Sickles, resigned.

Quartermaster Edward V. Anger, Camp No. 24, from 562 Park Place, Brooklyn, to 1420 Seiling Place, Brooklyn.

Comrade Arnold E. Stern, appointed Adjutant Camp No. 46, *vice* Frank H. Smith, resigned.

Taps

Comrade Fred H. Wilson, member of Samuel M. Porter Camp No. 45, killed in automobile accident, September 25, 1916; late a First Lieutenant of Company E, 65th N. Y. N. G. Buried September 29, 1915, with full military honors, from Company E, 65th Armory, in Lakeview Cemetery, Jamestown, N. Y.

Comrade Patrick J. Kelly, late Private Company I, 69th N. Y. N. G., member of Gen. Joe Wheeler Camp No. 89, died August 22, 1915. Buried in Calvary Cemetery with full military honors.

The sympathy of these headquarters is hereby extended to the families and relatives of the deceased Comrades, and to the Camps with which they were connected.

By order of

FRANK S. SIDWAY,
Department Commander.

Official:

ANDREW B. GILFILLAN,
Department Adjutant.

BULLETIN OF THE UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

November 1, 1915.

General Orders No. 4

Series 1915–1916

Aides-de-Camp

1. The following appointments are hereby announced on the staff of the Department Commander:

Comrade John F. P. Seigmann, Camp 19.
Comrade Adolph Neilson, Camp 49.
Comrade William C. David, Camp No. 40.
Comrade Virgil G. Hammond, Camp No. 29.
Comrade John D. Dugan, Camp No. 28.
Comrade Le Roy Corbin, Camp No. 87.

National Aides-de-Camp

The Commander-in-Chief has notified Department Headquarters of the following appointments:

William J. S. Dineen, 25 Tower Place, Brooklyn Hills, N. Y.
Edward Rolle, 54 Warren street, New York City.
Burton L. Rider, 8½ Lathrop street, Oswego, N. Y.
Irving Coon, 543 West 162d street, New York City.
Dennis F. Hynes, 52 Crescent avenue, New Rochelle, N. Y.
Wm. Hansen, 762 49th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Charles H. Wenz, Prospect and Mayer avenues, Jamaica, L. I.
James F. Reynolds, Holbrook, L. I.
P. J. Guilfoyle, 471 South Salina street, Syracuse, N. Y.
Claude L. Seiler, 107 Webster avenue, Rochester, N. Y.
C. E. Cortright, 357 West Water street, Elmira, N. Y.
Robinson Germond, 96 Lott avenue, Union Course, L. I.
Wm. O. Isaacson, 151 Barrett avenue, Jamestown, N. Y.
Robert G. Swanson, Jamestown, N. Y.
Charles J. Watson, West Point, New York.
Frederick T. Elbers, 1145 E. Delavan avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.
Ben Rosenberg, 1563 Hoe avenue, Bronx, New York city.
Henry E. W. Simon, 43 Niagara street, Buffalo, N. Y.
William C. Gertz, 182 Wyoming avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.
Hamilton H. Blunt, 122 West 134th street, New York city.
Dallas M. Sprecker, Fort Wadsworth, N. Y.
James T. Carroll, 735 50th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Prizes for Recruiting for the Year Ending June 30, 1916

Prizes for Camp showing largest percentage of increase in membership.

First Prize, donated by Major Henry W. Brendel, Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12 ..... $25 00
Second Prize, donated by Past Commander-in-Chief Hamilton Ward 10 00

Prizes for Camp securing the largest number of new members.
First Prize, donated by Department Commander Frank S. Sidway $25 00

Second Prize, donated by Past Commander-in-Chief Hamilton Ward $10 00

Prize to be awarded to the Comrade securing the largest number of new members.

One Prize, donated by Chief of Staff Charles P. Shinn. $20 00

Both of the above named Prizes for Camps will not be awarded to the same Camp.

All of the above named Prizes will be awarded at the next Department Encampment.

Chief of Staff

By direction of the Department Commander, the Chief of Staff has established an office in the 13th Regiment Armory, Brooklyn, New York, in addition to the present one in the Second Field Artillery Armory, New York City. Until further notice, Headquarter nights will be as follows: Second Field Artillery Armory, 1st and 3d Fridays of each month; 13th Regiment Armory, 2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

Annual Elections

As provided for in Section 4, Article 8, Part Five, Rules and Regulations, the annual election of Camp Officers must be held at the first stated meeting in December. The officers to be elected are: Commander, Senior and Junior Vice-Commander, Officer of the Day, Officer of the Guard and Trustee. All other officers are appointed by the Commander-elect.

This is the most important event in the year and Comrades should use great care in the selection of those who will guide them for the ensuing year. Forget the "good fellow" and remember that efficiency is a greater asset to your Camp. To those who will not approve of a candidate for office simply because they carry a grouch, we simply ask you to cast that aside on the night of election and place the welfare of your Camp above everything else. *Remember that inactive officers not only stagnate a Camp, but eventually cause its suspension.*

Suspensions and Reinstatements

The Commander-in-Chief is making an urgent plea to all Department Commanders on the question of suspensions and reinstatements. The Department Commander is heartily in accord with his plea for a liberal interpretation of the Rules and Regulations on both of these subjects, particularly where either is the result of inactivity on the part of Camp officers.

Camp Commanders will forward to the Department Adjutant a revised list of all suspended Comrades in their respective Camps. Immediately upon receipt of this list, headquarters will communicate with the delinquents for the purpose of having them come back into the fold.

Miscellaneous Functions

On Saturday evening, November 27, 1915, William McKinley Camp No. 62, Department of New York, will hold its third annual "euchre and dance" at Prospect Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The committee promise this affair to be one of the leading functions of the season and has arranged for many valuable prizes for players and non-players.

One of the features of the evening will be a voting contest for a handsome silk flag to be awarded to the most popular Camp in attendance.

Cards at 8:30 o'clock.

Not a dull moment to be permitted.

Barne Danse of the Hugo E. Kruse Camp No. 61, U. S. W. V., to be held at Glickman's Barn, 104–106 National avenue, Corona, N. Y., Wednesday evening, November 24, 1915 (Thanksgiving Eve). Music by our favorite. Tickets, admitting gentleman and lady, 25 cents.

The complimentary dinner to Comrade Past Commander James S. Long at the Imperial, Brooklyn, which was mentioned last month, was attended by 600 Comrades and friends of Comrade Long. Among those present were Department Commander Frank S. Sidway, Past Commander-in-Chief Maurice Simmons, Past Department Commander Major Frank Keck, Colonel Ardolph L. Kline, Colonel James E. Bell, Past Department Commander of the G. A. R.; Department Chief of Staff Charles P. Shinn, the

Very Rev. John P. Chidwick, D. D., Hon. William M. Calder, Hon. Edward J. Byrne, Hon. Anthony J. Griffin, Hon. William R. Bayes and Hon. Daniel J. Griffin. Comrade Thomas F. Gannon acted as toastmaster.

During the dinner a silver service of 36 pieces was presented to Comrade Long by Comrade L. T. Fetger on behalf of the Spanish War Veterans' Civil Service Association, and Past Commander B. J. Fagin, on behalf of Manhattan Camp No. 1, presented Comrade Long with a diamond ring.

Department Commander will Visit Camps

The Department Commander will be in New York City for a few days on or about November 20th and will be glad to visit any Camps there at that time.

Changes

Camp No. 19 — P. C. George H. King was elected and installed as Commander for the unexpired term of Comrade Arthur Fairlamb, resigned. The following officers were elected and appointed: George W. Tushingham, Trustee, two years; Maurice B. Kempner, Adjutant; Alfred H. Torbet, Quartermaster; John H. O'Connor, Sergeant-Major; Fred Winklemeyer, Jr., Color Sergeant.

Camp No. 101 — The following officers were elected for the unexpired term: Senior Vice-Commander, Henry Collins, in the place of Lafayette I. Wiman; Officer of the Day, Edmund Lee, in the place of William Jones; Officer of Guard, William J. Devitt, in the place of Howard L. Pearsall.

Camp No. 28 — Appointment of William H. Kyle, a member of the Committee on Extension of the Order, in place of P. C. Clarence E. Clark, who was honorably discharged from Camp No. 28.

Information Wanted

Will all Comrades who served with Corporal W. G. Bowen, Company "F," 1st U. S. Regulars, at Pinar Del Rio, Cuba, write me, as I need proof for pension.

I will be grateful to those who may answer. Comrade W. G. Bowen, Box. 101, Clinton, N. Y.

Relief

It has been brought to the attention of Department Headquarters that one William Muller is not a member of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, Department of New York, and has not been so connected for the past five (5) years. This Comrade when last heard from was in Toledo, Ohio, and showed receipt purporting to have been signed by the Quartermaster of Camp No. 46, and received aid. This receipt is not genuine. This Comrade is not a member of our organization and is not entitled to any relief.

The Department President of the United States War Veterans' Auxiliary has called the attention of the Department Commander to the fact that tickets are being sold for a raffle in aid of Spanish War Veterans. As the holding of a raffle is prohibited by sections 323 to 326 of the Penal Code, the Department Commander hopes that the members of this organization will not raise money in this manner in the future.

Taps

Johannes T. Jensen, member of Manhattan Camp No. 1, late Private, Company "E," 12th New York Volunteer Infantry, died October 6th. Buried October 10th, with full military honors at Evergreen Cemetery.

John T. Gibbons, M. D., member of William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, late Major, 47th Regiment, U. S. V. Inf., mustered January 8, 1901, died October 2, 1915, aged 49 years. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery with full military honors.

George F. Seifert, member of William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, late Private Company "G," 47th Regiment, mustered March 12, 1901, died October 4, 1915, aged 43 years. Buried at Liberty, N. Y.

Samuel Harrison, member of Col. Henry W. Hubbell Camp No. 24. Entered the service of U. S. Army as Private in Company "L," 6th U. S. I., October 11, 1898, discharged March, 1902. Buried September 20, 1915, at Alexandria, Virginia.

Ernest W. Redeke, Past Commander of Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20, died October 23, 1915, at Fort Bayard, New Mexico. Buried November 1, 1915, in Cypress Hill Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y., with full military honors from Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20, U. S. W. V.

The sympathy of these Headquarters is hereby extended to the families and relatives of the deceased Comrades, and to the Camps with which they were connected.

By order of

FRANK S. SIDWAY,
Department Commander.

Official:

ANDREW B. GILFILLAN,
Department Adjutant.

BULLETIN OF THE UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

December 1, 1915.

General Orders No. 5

Series 1915–1916

Aides-de-Camp

1. The following appointments are hereby announced on the staff of the Department Commander:

Comrade Philip H. Draper, Camp No. 2.
Comrade Henry S. Ball, Camp No. 56.
Comrade William W. Baird, Camp No. 66.
Comrade Daniel F. Serr, Camp No. 43.

2. *District Inspectors*

W. J. Keating, Camp No. 99.
P. Samuel Rigney, Camp No. 4.
T. F. Dawkins, Camp No. 24.
Irving Coon, Camp No. 31.
Alfred Halliday, Camp No. 66.
Frederick Burns, Camp No. 29.
Samuel Haslett, Camp No. 78.
Charles J. Watson, Camp No. 85.
D. S. Brown, Camp No. 45.
R. T. Sherman, Camp No. 26.

3. *Assignments of District Inspectors*

District No. 1, W. S. Goodwin, 229 Ryerson street, Brooklyn, Camps 43, 59, 87, 100.

District No. 2, John Fitzgerald, 29 Carlton avenue, Brooklyn, Camps 34, 46, 62.

District No. 3, R. N. Mackin, 1676 83d street, Brooklyn, Camps 18, 21, 73.

District No. 4, D. Arundell, 89 Baltic street, Brooklyn, Camps 4, 5, 30, 84.

District No. 5, H. H. Holmes, 1017 DeKalb avenue, Brooklyn, Camp 95.

District No. 6, W. J. Keating, 269 Skillman street, Brooklyn, Camps 22, 48, 92.

District No. 7, P. Samuel Rigney, 619 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, Camps 14, 16, 49, 99.

District No. 8, O. F. Berger, 2463 Tiebout avenue, New York City, Camps 19, 53, 79.

District No. 9, W. V. McCoy, 2036 Mapes avenue, New York City, Camps 8, 27, 37, 68.

District No. 10, J. E. J. Clare, 2707 Creston avenue, New York City, Camps 1, 38, 91.

District, No. 11, Paul Stobbe, 842 East 228th street, New York City, Camps 24, 31, 98.

District No. 12, T. F. Dawkins, 1022 Ogden avenue, New York City, Camps 10, 36, 93.

District No. 13, Irving Coon, 543 West 162d street, New York City, Camps 20, 23, 89.

District No. 14, Alfred Halliday, 252 Sixth avenue, New York City, 29, 67, 80.

District No. 15, Frederick Burns, 144 Linden avenue, Flushing, L. I., Camps 61, 66.

District No. 16, F. G. Newell, 734 Buffalo avenue, Niagara Falls, N. Y., Camps 12, 15, 17.

District No. 17, Samuel Haslett, 323 Broadway, Newburgh, N. Y., Camps 32, 44, 85, 101.

District No. 18, Chas. J. Watson, West Point, N. Y., Camps 69, 75, 78.

District No. 19, W. S. Friedenrich, 18 South Hawk street, Albany, Camps 2, 71, 74.

District No. 20, T. J. Bourke, 514 River street, Troy, Camps 6, 11, 28, 58.

District No. 21, C. E. Garlock, 412 Mohawk street, Herkimer, Camps 33, 35.

District No. 22, C. F. Schmidt, 209 Eagle street, Utica, Camps 51, 52.

District No. 23, P. J. Guilfoyle, 471 South Salina street, Syracuse, Camps 26, 39, 56.

District No. 24, A. W. Bement, Whitehall, N. Y., Camp 94.

District No. 25, F. W. Wood, 171½ West End avenue, Binghamton, Camps 40, 72, 96.

District No. 26, A. H. Sawyer, Walton, N. Y., Camp 42.

District No. 27, W. A. Spencer, R. F. D. No. 5, Corning, Camp 47.

District No. 28, L. J. Follette, care P. O., Saratoga Springs, Camp 9.

District No. 29, H. C. Perkins, Olean, N. Y., Camp 45.

District No. 30, R. P. Hill, care Dragoon Press, Oneonta, Camp 3.

District No. 31, D. S. Brown, Fulton street, Jamestown, Camp 60.

District No. 32, Howard McOmber, Glens Falls, Camp 90.

District No. 33, J. M. Brecker, 204 Sprenger avenue, Buffalo, Camps 7, 25, 83.

District No. 34, R. T. Sherman, Post Exchange, Ft. Ontario, Oswego, N. Y., Camp 86.

4. *Per Capita Tax and Semi-annual Reports*

On January 1, 1916, the regular semi-annual per capita tax, amounting to twenty-five cents for each member of the organization, except members in suspension or on furlough, is due, and a remittance in payment thereof should accompany the semi-annual reports of the Adjutant and Quartermaster of each Camp. Department Headquarters retains one-half of this amount and forwards the other half to National Headquarters.

Camp Commanders will see that the per capita tax and semi-annual reports are mailed to Department Headquarters without delay.

5. *Department Roster*

A new Department roster is being prepared and return postal cards have been sent out requesting the information necessary for this purpose. Adjutants who have not already sent in this information should do so immediately.

6. *Installation*

In accordance with Section 9, Article 8, Part 5, Rules and Regulations, officers-elect, together with appointive officers of Camps, must be installed at the first stated meeting in January. Commanders-elect will immediately forward to Headquarters the name of a Comrade of or above the grade of Commander, or any past officer of or above the grade of Past Commander, to act as installing officer. Before forwarding the name of the Comrade selected, he should be communicated with for the purpose of ascertaining if he will accept the detail. If any Camp fails to send in its selection for installing officer by December 29, 1915, the Department Commander will detail a Comrade, and under no circumstances will any change be made. The officers of any Camp which fails to forward its semi-annual reports or pay its per capita tax, or bond its Quartermaster, will not be installed.

7. *Prizes for Recruiting for the Year Ending June* 30, 1916

Prizes for Camp showing largest percentage of increase in membership:

First prize, donated by Major Henry W. Brendel, Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12 ..... $25 00

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8. *Department Commander*

The Department Commander expects to be in New York City for a fews days about January 15, 1916, and will be glad to meet members of the organization at that time. Anyone desiring to meet him should communicate with the Chief of Staff, Charles P. Shinn, 96 Church street, New York City.

9. *Senior Vice-Department Commander*

By direction of the Department Commander, the Senior Vice-Department Commander maintains Headquarters, open every Friday night, at rooms 14-16, Rensselaer County Court House, Troy, N. Y. All Comrades of Troy and vicinity are invited to visit this office, where information pertaining to the Department will be furnished.

10. *Changes*

John W. Walters, No. 65 Sheridan avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., appointed Adjutant of Admiral Schley Naval Squadron No. 16.

Hyman Finkelstone, appointed Quartermaster of Camp No. 23, 1053 South boulevard, Bronx, New York.

Hugh J. Reilly, No. 4623 Park avenue, New York City, appointed Adjutant of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46.

Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 41 meets first and third Fridays each month at O'Connor's Hall, Forty-fifth street and Third avenue (southeast corner), New York City.

11. *Information Wanted*

LOST — Philippine Badge No. 3223, on June 26, 1915, while getting off car at Fifty-ninth street and Park avenue, New York City. Anyone finding same or knowing present whereabouts, kindly communicate with Comrade G. P. Ransom, 305 West 150th street, New York City.

12. *Miscellaneous Functions*

On Sunday, December 19, 1915, memorial services commemorating the anniversary of the death of the late Gen. Henry W. Lawton, will be held at the McDonough Street Baptist Church, McDonough street and Patchen avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Joint Buffalo City Board, United Spanish War Veterans, has arranged with the Family theatre of Buffalo for a Spanish War Veteran week, beginning January 16 and ending January 21, 1916. The Spanish War Veterans of Western New York are looking forward to this time with eager anticipation.

Widows and Orphans' Bill

All Camps and Comrades are requested to see or write to their United States Senators and Congressmen urging them to make every effort to secure the passage of the law, which has again been introduced in Congress, providing for the granting of pensions to the widows and orphans of Spanish War Veterans.

Send copies of all responses received to D. V. Chisholm, Chairman, office of United Spanish War Veterans' Committee on Legislation, Southern building, Washington, D. C.

Taps

1. Rev. Father William H. Ironsides Reaney, Chaplain of the United States Navy, Department Chaplain, U. S. W. V., formerly Chaplain-in-Chief, U. S. W. V., a member of Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, died November 18, 1915. Father Reaney was widely known and beloved by the Spanish War Veterans throughout the nation. Funeral services were held at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City and a delegation in part composed of United Spanish War Veterans accompanied the body to Detroit.

Department Chaplin, William H. I. Reaney, U. S. N.

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As the train passed through Albany a delegation headed by the Senior Vice Department Commander paid its last respects. As the train passed through Buffalo a committee appointed by the Department Commander paid its last respects. In Detroit a guard of United Spanish War Veterans met the train and escorted the body to the home of Father Reaney's sisters, whence it was taken to its last resting place.

2. Francis G. Ward, formerly Department Commander of New York U. S. W. V. and a member of Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12, U. S. W. V., died November 16, 1915. During the Spanish War he served as Lieutenant-Colonel, 202d Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry. At the time of his death and for fourteen years prior thereto Colonel Ward was Commissioner of Public Works of the city of Buffalo, N. Y. He was buried on November 20, 1915, in Forest Lawn Cemetery in the city of Buffalo, N. Y. About two hundred members of the local Camps, commanded by the Department Commander, Department of New York, attended the funeral and escorted the body to the cemetery. The funeral was one of the largest ever held in the city of Buffalo.

3. Julius D. Wall, late member of Samuel M. Porter Camp No. 45, late private in Company "H," 65th New York Volunteer Infantry, died November 26, 1915. Buried at Buffalo, N. Y.

4. Charles F. Bloom, late member of Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, died November 4, 1915. Served in 201st New York Volunteer Infantry. Buried November 6, 1915.

5. Frank C. DeVeaux, Past Commander and Adjutant of Niagara Falls Camp No. 7, late First Lieutenant, Company "E," Third New York Volunteer Infantry, died November 6, 1915. Buried November 9, 1915, with full military honors.

6. David Flann, late member of New York City Camp No. 23, died September 1, 1915. Served as private in Battery H, Fifth U. S. Artillery.

7. Peter DeLacy, late member of Noah L. Farnham Post, G. A. R., and honorary member of Manhattan Camp No. 1, died November 13, 1915. Buried November 16, 1915, with full military honors.

8. George C. Hartman, late honorary member of Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12, U. S. W. V., and Chapin Post, G. A. R., died October 28, 1915. Buried October 31, 1915, at Pine Hill Cemetery.

The sympathy of these Headquarters is hereby extended to the families and relatives of the deceased Comrades and to the Camps with which they were connected.

By order of

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General Orders No. 6

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Aides-de-Camp

1. The following appointments are hereby announced on the staff of the Department Commander:

Comrade Charles E. Callan, Camp No. 98.

Comrade James E. Mitchell, Camp No. 38.

Auditing Committee

Pursuant to Department By-Laws, Article 4, Section 2, the following Committee on Auditing is hereby appointed to audit all Department books:

Past Commander-in-Chief Hamilton Ward, Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12.

Past Adjutant-General John T. Ryan, Hughes Camp No. 17.

Past Junior Vice-Department Commander Charles S. Beilman, O'Neill Camp No. 15.

Visits

On January 10, 1916, the Department Commander will install the officers of E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40, Elmira, N. Y.

He will be in New York City from January 11 to January 19, 1916, inclusive. Camps desiring a visit from the Department Commander during that time will communicate with the Chief of Staff, Charles P. Shinn, 96 Church street, New York City.

On January 22, 1916, the Department Commander will visit E. H. Liscum Camp No. 33, and O. Ross Wheeler Camp No. 35, both of Utica, N. Y.

Last month Department Commander visited Louis W. Carlisle Camp No. 56, at Watertown, N. Y., where he received a very kind and pleasant reception.

Corrections

The following errors in the December Bulletin, under the heading Assignments of District Inspectors, are hereby corrected:

District 26 should read, J. H. Sawyer, Walton, N. Y., 42.

District 30 should read, R. P. Hill, care Dragon Press, Oneonta, 3.

The Mutual Aid Association

These Headquarters have been recently informed of the practical demise of the Mutual Aid Association of the U. S. W. V., Department of New York, an organization formed in the city of New York in 1908.

These Headquarters are informed that the assets of this organization consist of $26 on deposit in a New York City Bank, which assets will be secured and kept in a separate account subject to the direction of the next Department Encampment.

Information Wanted

Will any Comrades who served in "B" Company, 7th U. S. Infantry, from January 15, 1897, to October 27, 1898, please write to George H. Bruckner, Soldiers and Sailors' Home, Bath, N. Y., who desires information pertaining to a pension claim.

M. J. Regan, 2079 Hopewell avenue, Bronx, New York City, would like to know the present whereabouts of Q. M. S. Wash. Taaffe, late 9th Infantry, U. S. A.

E. W. Benson, 577 Greene avenue, Brooklyn, is desirous of hearing from Comrades who served with one Joseph L. Danger, on board the U. S. S. Massachusetts, Vermont and other vessels of the U. S. Navy between November 26, 1901, and November 28, 1905. The information is required for the purpose of endeavoring to secure a pension for his widow, Comrade Danger having died March 26, 1915.

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Taps

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Reverend Henry F. Varcoe, Chaplain Thomas H. Barber Camp No. 3, late Second Lieutenant, Company E, 13th Pa. Infantry, died November 29, 1915. He was buried December 1, 1915, at Howsdale, Pa., with full military honors.

James H. Sears, late Commodore U. S. N., retired, member Thomas H. Barber Camp No. 3, of Binghamton, N. Y., died at Rome, Italy, December 8, 1915.

August F. Rose, late member of Foreign Service Camp No. 87, U. S. W. V., late Private in Company E, U. S. Signal Corps, died December 2, 1915. He was buried in Calvary Cemetery December 5, 1915, with full military honors.

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General Orders No. 7

Series 1915–1916

Aides-de-Camp

1. The following appointments are hereby announced on the staff of the Department Commander:

Comrade William Hillis, Camp No. 20.
Comrade Robert P. Clark, Camp No. 72.

District Inspectors

1. W. P. Little, Camp No. 42, is hereby named as a District Inspector and assigned to inspect Camp No. 96.

2. Chas. A. Thurber, Camp No. 43, is hereby named as a District Inspector and assigned to inspect Camps 30, 49 and 84.

3. F. W. Wood, Camp No. 3, a District Inspector assigned to inspect Camps 40 and 72, is relieved from inspecting Camp No. 96.

Combined Meeting

On the evening of March 31, 1916, the Camps in Greater New York will combine and hold a Joint Muster in the Ninth Regiment Armory, New York City. It is also the intention to tender a reception to the Commander-in-Chief on that night, and several noted speakers will talk on a subject that should be near and dear to the heart of every Comrade in this organization, that of "Preparedness."

The Department Commander earnestly requests the active support of every Comrade in New York City to make this affair a success.

Further details will appear in the next General Order.

Back Pay

The attention of these headquarters has been called to the fact that there is still considerable unclaimed money in the Adjutant-General's office, awaiting proper claimants.

Any Comrade who enlisted in a New York regiment during the Spanish-American War is entitled to receive pay between the date of enrollment and the date on which he was mustered into the United States service.

Claims should be made direct to the Adjutant-General, State of New York, Albany, N. Y.

The State of New York is now issuing Campaign Badges to all officers and enlisted men who served honorably in the Army or Navy of the United States during the Spanish, Philippine and China campaigns, and who enlisted from the State of New York.

It is suggested that Camp Adjutants write to the Adjutant-General, State of New York, Albany, N. Y., asking for application blanks which can be used by the Comrades entitled to these badges; that the Camps assist their members and others entitled to these badges in obtaining them, and that after the badges have been obtained the Camps arrange to have a presentation made of these badges to those entitled to them on some meeting night.

Information Wanted

WANTED: A Comrade to work in West Virginia on equal shares. For information and particulars, address Comrade Patrick Walsh, First Sergeant, Retired, U. S. Army, West Point, N. Y.

ROSTER FOR 1916

Manhattan Camp No. 1, New York City

Meets second and fourth Saturdays, 9–11–13 East 59th street.

Commander, L. T. Fetzer, 44 Cedar street, New York City.

Adjutant, John A. O'Donnell, 48 Charlton street, New York City.

Quartermaster, Jules S. Quarberg, 850 Amsterdam avenue, New York City.

M. D. Russell Camp No. 2, Troy, N. Y.

Meets second and fourth Thursdays, Rensselaer County Court House.

Commander, Edward M. Jackson, 183 Second street, Troy, N. Y.

Adjutant, John G. Smyth, 2156 13th street, Troy, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Elbert M. Iler, Grant avenue, Troy, N. Y.

Thomas H. Barber Camp No. 3, Binghamton, N. Y.

Meets first and third Wednesdays, State Armory.

Commander, E. R. Potter, 296 Grand avenue, Johnson City, N. Y.

Adjutant, E. J. Malmquist, 8 King avenue, Binghamton, N. Y.

Quartermaster, C. E. Lathrop, 44 Court street, Binghamton, N. Y.

William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets second and fourth Fridays, Room 2, Borough Hall.

Commander, John Curton, 1850 E. 14th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, T. S. Gorman, 103 Vanderbilt street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Charles Oswald, 583 Rogers avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets first and third Saturdays, Room 2, Borough Hall.

Commander, Robert N. Mackin, 1676 83d street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, Frank H. Wilson, 1005 Franklin avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Edward J. Fitzsimmons, 201 Montauk avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Hon. Stephen Sanford Camp No. 6, Amsterdam, N. Y.

Meets Wednesday, corner East Main and Church streets.

Commander, Darwin E. Vunk, 21 Second street, Amsterdam, N. Y.

Adjutant, Melvin W. Lethbridge, State Armory, Amsterdam, N. Y.

Quartermaster, LeRoy Geesler, 21½ McDonnell street, Amsterdam, N. Y.

Niagara Falls Camp No. 7, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Meets first Monday, State Armory.

Commander, Alfred H. Edsall, Public Library, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Adjutant, Frank B. Warner, 727 Cedar avenue, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Henry Seipple, 928 Main street, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

William R. Carmer Camp No. 8, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Meets second Thursday, Armory, Company H, North 5th avenue.

Commander, Otto Thiede, 17 Beach street, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Adjutant, John H. Brancard, 42 South 7th avenue, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Isaac Joel, 227 North High street, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Warren A. Wilson Camp No. 9, Glens Falls, N. Y.

Meets first and third Tuesdays, Maccabee Hall, Glen street.

Commander, James J. Hogan, 9 Pruyn street, Glens Falls, N. Y.

Adjutant, Adelbert Reynolds, 74 West street, Glens Falls, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Jesse P. Kelsey, 130 Hudson street, South Glens Falls, N. Y.

Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10, New York City

Meets first and third Saturdays, Loeffler's Hall, S. E. corner 148th street and Willis avenue.

Commander, William Patterson, 1525 Washington avenue, Bronx, New York City.

Adjutant, John Kavanagh, 410 East 237th street, Bronx, New York City.

Quartermaster, Fred Dietzler, 460 East 141st street, Bronx, New York City.

Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11, *Schenectady, N. Y.*

Meets first and third Wednesdays, State Armory.

Commander, John T. McNeff, 19 Mynderse street, Schenectady, N. Y.

Adjutant, Garrett V. Johnson, 840 State street, Schenectady, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Thomas W. McDonnell, 1128 Albany street, Schenectady, N. Y.

Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12, *Buffalo, N. Y.*

Meets first and third Mondays, G. A. R. Hall, Elmwood and Virginia streets.

Commander, J. J. Smith, 56 Wagner place, Buffalo, N. Y.

Adjutant, Arthur R. Rosebrock, 81 Pennsylvania street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Albert Hahn, 706 Mutual Life Bldg., Buffalo, N. Y.

14*th Regiment Camp No.* 14, *Brooklyn, N. Y.*

Meets first and third Fridays, Armory, 8th avenue and 15th street.

Commander, James J. Hand, Custom House, N. Y.

Adjutant, Edw. D. B. Logan, 1195 Flatbush avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Charles R. Marmis, 1036 West street, Bath Beach, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Buckey O'Neil Camp No. 15, *Buffalo, N. Y.*

Meets second and fourth Fridays, Labor Temple Hall, Best and Jefferson streets.

Commander, Charles A. Metzler, 179 Normal avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

Adjutant, H. L. Witherall, 56 Niagara street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Joseph M. Brecker, 204 Sprenger avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

Admiral Schley Naval Squadron Camp No. 16, *Brooklyn, N. Y.*

Meets first and third Mondays, Borough Hall.

Commander, A. G. Berger, 30 Rockaway avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, H. J. Hunt, 491 Central street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Henry Taylor, 112 North Henry street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Major General R. P. Hughes Camp No. 17, *Buffalo, N. Y.*

Meets first and third Thursdays, Humboldt Park Hall, 951 Genesee street.

Commander, Herman Lang, 493 Winslow avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

Adjutant, Wm. C. Gertz, 182 Wyoming avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

Quartermaster, John Linsman, 66 Montana avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

Admiral Philip Camp No. 18, *Brooklyn, N. Y.*

Meets first Friday, Borough Hall.

Commander, James A. Manning, 469 Ralph avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, William H. Holmes, 1017 DeKalb avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, John A. Duncan, 83 Rochester avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Old Guard Camp No. 19, *New York City*

Meets second and fourth Tuesdays, Loyal Moose Club Bldg., 127th street and Lenox avenue.

Commander, George W. Tushingham, 1547 Third avenue, New York City.

Adjutant, Elias Samuels, 449 West 206th street, New York City.

Quartermaster, Charles E. Delvalle, 29 East 169th street, New York City.

Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20, Fort Wadsworth, N. Y.

Meets first and third Thursdays, corner Bay and Thompson streets, Stapleton, S. I.

Commander, Edward E. Hardin, Lt.-Col. U. S. Army (retired), West New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y.

Adjutant, William H. Albert, Sergt. Major, C. A. C., Fort Wadsworth, N. Y.

Quartermaster, David M. Levine, 1st Serg. 114th Co., C. A. C., Fort Wadsworth, N. Y.

Gen. Henry W. Lawton Camp No. 21, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets second and fourth Thursdays, Empire Hall, Lorimer and Ten Eyck streets.

Commander, Thomas F. Hyland, 2066 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, Martin J. Graham, 61 Hull street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Julius Staal, 1 St. Johns place, Ridgewood, L. I.

Brooklyn Camp No. 22, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets fourth Monday, Room 2, Borough Hall.

Commander, William Reineke, 112 Lee avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, Joseph Conte, 241 Sands street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, William F. Morgan, 136 Meserole avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

New York City Camp No. 23, New York City

Meets second Friday, West End, 226 W. 125th street.

Commander, Dean Nelson, 38 Park Row, New York City.

Adjutant, John Bickerstaff, 77 Chester avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Hyman Finkelstone, 1053 Southern boulevard, New York City.

Col. Henry W. Hubbell Camp No. 24, New York City

Meets third Friday, 104 West 47th street.

Commander, Thomas F. Dawkins, 1022 Ogden avenue, New York City.

Adjutant, James F. Reynolds, Holbrook, L. I.

Quartermaster, Otto J. Rocholl, 391 East 157th street, New York City.

L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, Rochester, N. Y.

Meets first and third Wednesdays, 96 State street.

Commander, Claude L. Seiler, 107 Webster avenue, Rochester, N. Y.

Adjutant, John Dittman, 14 Ereth street, Rochester, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Godfrey Ashbaker, 30 Ormond street, Rochester, N. Y.

Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26, Oswego, N. Y.

Meets first Monday, State Armory.

Commander, Roland T. Clark, 114 East Bridge street, Oswego, N. Y.

Adjutant, Daniel J. O'Mara, 18 East 6th street, Oswego, N. Y.

Quartermaster, William S. Monaghan, State Armory, Oswego, N. Y.

Wallace F. Randolph Camp No. 27, Yonkers, N. Y.

Meets first Tuesday, City Hall.

Commander, Daniel Wolff, City Hall, Yonkers, N. Y.

Adjutant, William A. Simpson, 353 Eldridge avenue, Yonkers, N. Y.

Quartermaster, A. E. Chambers, 49 Oak street, Yonkers, N. Y.

Captain Frank R. Palmer Camp No. 28, Albany, N. Y.

Meets second Tuesday, Capital City Club Rooms, 71–83 State street.

Commander, Archibald R. MacFarland, 53 Alexander street, Albany, N. Y.

Adjutant, William S. Fredenrich, 176 State street, Albany, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Martin R. Weldon, 21 Hudson avenue, Albany, N. Y.

Captain W. S. Overton, Jr., Camp No. 29, Whitestone, N. Y.

Meets last Saturday, Odd Fellows Hall, 18th street.

Commander, Frederick Burns, 144 Linden avenue, Flushing, L. I., N. Y.

Adjutant, James A. McCafferty, 62 Tenth avenue, Whitestone, N. Y.

Quartermaster, John M. Niemeyer, 20 West 20th street, Whitestone, N. Y.

Neptune Naval Camp No. 30, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets fourth Thursday, Room 2, Borough Hall.

Commander, Herman Meyer, 159 West 66th street, New York City.

Adjutant, John J. Inman, 110 North Henry street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Fred G. Simcox, 508 Humboldt street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Griffin Engineers Camp No. 31, New York City

Meets fourth Thursday, 69th Regiment Armory.

Commander, Thomas Regan, 12 Broome street, New York City.

Adjutant, James W. Adlard, 4435 Third avenue, New York City.

Quartermaster, Henry Byers, 275 57th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

A. C. Weller Camp No. 32, Middletown, N. Y.

Emerson H. Liscum Camp No. 33, Utica, N. Y.

Meets second Friday, Huron Hall, Seneca street.

Commander, William G. Bowen, Jr., Clinton, N. Y.

Adjutant, Charles B. Van Slyke, Jr., Clinton, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Michael Liddey, 1205 Taylor avenue, Utica, N. Y.

H. J. Reilly Camp No. 34, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets first Tuesday, Room 2, Borough Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Commander, Michael J. Newell, 723 11th avenue, Steinway, L. I.

Adjutant, Peter Nealis, 235 Adelphi street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, William A. Murphy, 153 Park avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

O. Ross Wheeler Camp No. 35, Utica, N. Y.

Meets second Monday, State Armory.

Commander, W. A. Foster, Court House, Utica, N. Y.

Adjutant, C. M. Roberts, Devereux street, Utica, N. Y.

Quartermaster, J. D. Clifford, State Armory, Utica, N. Y.

Defendam Camp No. 36, New York City

Meets third Thursday, 9th Regiment Armory, 14th street and C avenue.

Commander, C. A. Bond, 150 Nassau street, c/o "Tobacco," New York City.

Adjutant, William F. Leuper, 540 E. 85th street, New York City.

Quartermaster, Patrick Keating, 541 Knickerbocker avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

N. W. Crosby Camp No. 37, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Meets second Wednesday, City Hall, Main and Mechanic streets.

Commander, Verne M. Bovie, Lake avenue, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Adjutant, John F. Flanagan, 19 Walnut street, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Michael J. Buckley, 49 Warren street, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Gen. Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, New York City

Meets first and third Thursdays, Na-Bocklish Hall, 200 E. 45th street.

Commander, Andrew E. Burke, 248 E. 23d street, New York City.

Adjutant, T. J. O'Donnell, 316 E. 55th street, New York City.

Quartermaster, Peter J. O'Brien, 18 W. 100th street, New York City.

Major Louis B. Lawton Camp No. 39, Auburn, N. Y.

Meets fourth Thursday, State Armory.

Commander, Jesse D. Brooks, 176 Woodlawn avenue, Auburn, N. Y.

Adjutant, Edgar A. Rose, 26½ Lewis street, Auburn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, James E. Osterhout, State Armory, Auburn, N. Y.

E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40, Elmira, N. Y.

Meets second and fourth Mondays, State Armory.

Commander, H. W. Pankaw, 701 E. Market street, Elmira, N. Y.

Adjutant, S. O. Smith, 625 Mt. Zoar street, Elmira, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Joseph Wardzinski, 206 E. Water street, Elmira, N. Y.

Col. Walter Scott Camp No. 42, Oneonta, N. Y.

Meets second Friday, State Armory, Academy and Fair streets.

Commander, Frank E. Neal, 47 Spruce street, Oneonta, N. Y.

Adjutant, R. P. Hill, 367 Main street, Oneonta, N. Y.

Quartermaster, C. L. Hotaling, 47 Main street, Cooperstown, N. Y.

George D. Russell Camp No. 43, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets second Saturday, 13th Regiment Armory.

Commander, George H. Kemp, 427 Ocean View avenue, Woodhaven, N. Y.

Adjutant, Charles M. Reid, 18 White street, New York City.

Quartermaster, John L. Lawton, 3103 Snyder avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Major John J. Sague Camp No. 44, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Meets second Tuesday, State Armory.

Commander, Abram L. DeVries, 44 Harrison street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Adjutant, Thomas N. Gjobye, P. O. Box 99, Paughkeepsie, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Albert C. Odell, P. O. Box 66, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Samuel M. Porter Camp No. 45, Jamestown, N. Y.

Meets fourth Monday, State Armory.

Commander, William L. Beck, 7 East Third street, Jamestown, N. Y.

Adjutant, Donald S. Brown, 13 Fulton street, Jamestown, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Frederick W. Hyde, 201 Main street, Jamestown, N. Y.

Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, New York City

Meets second and fourth Fridays, 101 West 127th street.

Commander, Fred Meyer, 231 West 145th street, New York City.

Adjutant, Charles Kerr, 424 East 161st street, New York City.

Quartermaster, J. Harrie Burdge, 1816 Anthony avenue, New York City.

Baron Steuben Camp No. 47, Hornell, N. Y.

Meets second Friday, State Armory, Seneca street.

Commander, Bert Santee, 32 Church street, Hornell, N. Y.

Adjutant, Fred J. Pierce, 6 State street, or State Armory, Hornell, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Bert Arwine, 9 Marshall avenue, Hornell, N. Y.

Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets second and fourth Saturdays, Room 2, Borough Hall.

Commander, John F. Spolders, 571 66th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, Ernest W. Larkin, 143 Skillman avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Herbert W. Doggrell, 31 South Greenwood avenue, Richmond Hill, L. I.

Naval Camp No. 49, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets second and fourth Tuesdays, Lyric Hall, 329 Atlantic avenue.

Commander, Theo. Meyer, 2366 Putnam avenue, Ridgewood Heights, New York City.

Adjutant, John Everetts, 1917 East 48th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, H. P. Hogelund, 1624 55th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Col. John W. Vrooman Camp No. 51, Herkimer, N. Y.

Meets fourth Tuesday, Grange Hall.

Commander, Charles J. Hartigan, Herkimer, N. Y.

Adjutant, F. W. Cristman, Herkimer, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Henry Voight, Jr., South Main street, Herkimer, N. Y.

Franklin C. Warner Camp No. 52, Ilion, N. Y.

Meets second and fourth Mondays, A. O. H. Hall, First street.

Commander, H. P. Hamlin, 28 High street, Ilion, N. Y.

Adjutant, Julius Werner, 534 Elizabeth street, Utica, N. Y.

Quartermaster, William H. Spurr, 40 Highland avenue, Ilion. N. Y.

Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53, New York City.

Meets fourth Monday, 226 W. 125th street.

Commander, Solomon Weil, 265 W. 125th street, New York City.

Adjutant, George W. Cornish, 1973 Vyse avenue, New York City.

Quartermaster, Fred Bohlig, 319 W. 137th street, New York City.

Louis W. Carlisle Camp No. 56, Watertown, N. Y.

Meets second Friday, 52 Taggart Building, Public Square.

Commander, John H. Condon, Gotham street, c/o P. O., Watertown, N. Y.

Adjutant, Fred H. Gould, 1017 Coffeen street, Watertown, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Bert H. Thomas, 113 N. Meadow street, Watertown, N. Y.

Saratoga Camp No. 58, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Meets fourth Wednesday, G. A. R. Hall, Pavilion Place.

Commander, Charles F. Van Pelt, 46 Church street, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Adjutant, Fred W. Dunson, c/o Post Office, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Harry S. Fosmire, c/o Post Office, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

David Wilson Camp No. 59, New York City

Meets first and third Wednesdays, Bronx Building, 177th street and Third avenue.

Commander, Edward H. Martin, "O. D." 1127 Lexington avenue, New York City.

Adjutant, Fred Schroeder, 443 East 138th street, Bronx, New York City.

Quartermaster, Alexander Fraser, 236 East 165th street, Bronx, New York City.

Captain Allyn K. Capron Camp No. 60, Olean, N. Y.

Meets first and third Mondays, State Armory, 119 North street.

Commander, William E. Elliott, 842 Bishop street, Olean, N. Y.

Adjutant, Arthur F. Austin, 115 South Tenth street, Olean, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Gaius C. Smith, 647 East State street, Olean, N. Y.

Hugo E. Kruse Camp No. 61, Corona, N. Y.

Meets second Monday, Eagle Hall, Polk avenue.

Commander, Otto Brown, 37 Lawn avenue, Corona, N. Y.

Adjutant, Frank Blasso, 37 Lawn avenue, Corona, N. Y.

Quartermaster, William Connor, 130 Himrod street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

William McKinley Camp No. 62, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets last Saturday, Central Hall, 217 Court street.

Commander, Thomas R. Edwards, 244 87th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, James J. Waleur, 635 Grand avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Adrain Droz, 90 Covert street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Admiral B. H. McCalla Camp No. 65, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Captain George H. Tilley Camp No. 66, Jamaica, N. Y.

Meets first and third Wednesdays, Town Hall, Fulton street.

Commander, Herbert T. Tomlinson, 1405 Woodhaven avenue, Woodhaven, L. I.

Adjutant, William W. Baird, 650 Hamilton avenue, Richmond Hill, L. I.

Quartermaster, Louis Knoll, 16 Windom street, Union Course, Woodhaven, L. I.

John V. Searles Camp No. 67, Flushing, N. Y.

Meets third Friday, Armory, Flushing, L. I.

Commander, Richard H. Brown, 22 Whitestone avenue, Flushing, L. I.

Adjutant, Daniel F. Kennedy, 110 Murray Lane, Flushing, L. I.

Quartermaster, Edward Gilbert, 71 Farrington street, Flushing, L. I.

Newell Rising Camp No. 68, Portchester, N. Y.

Admiral Cook Camp No. 69, Haverstraw, N. Y.

Meets second Saturday, Town Hall.

Commander, Paul F. Howard, Iona Island, N. Y.

Adjutant, John Wotring, Iona Island, N. Y.

Quartermaster, A. L. Hellstrom, Iona Island, N. Y.

Hudson Camp No. 71, Hudson, N. Y.

Meets fourth Monday, State Armory.

Commander, William Churchill, 205 Warren street, Hudson, N. Y.

Adjutant, H. M. Saulpaugh, 39 Eighth street, Hudson, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Frank S. Clapper, 507 Union street, Hudson, N. Y.

Joseph J. Tully Camp No. 72, Corning, N. Y.

Meets first and third Wednesdays.

Commander, William A. Spencer, Corning, R. D. 5.

Adjutant, Claude F. Doud, 260 Watuaga avenue, Corning, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Frank M. Luckner, 341 East Market street, Corning, N. Y.

Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 73, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets first and third Wednesdays, Day Star Hall, Third avenue and 54th street.

Commander, George W. Meyer, 738 79th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, George W. Preece, 443 54th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster Henry Zulauf, 312 55th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

David J. Johnston Camp No. 74, Cohoes, N. Y.

Meets last Wednesday, G. A. R. Hall.

Commander, William Ross, State Armory, Main street, Cohoes, N. Y.

Adjutant, Robert Ray, Ontario street, Cohoes, N. Y.

Quartermaster, M. H. Connery, 113 Main street, Cohoes, N. Y.

Hudson B. Moore Camp No. 78, Newburgh, N. Y.

Meets first and third Wednesdays, Academy of Music Building, Broadway.

Commander, William E. Ryan, 323 North Water street, Newburgh, N. Y.

Adjutant, George F. Chapman, 31 High street, Newburgh, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Abraham V. Burton, 36 Concord street, Newburgh, N. Y.

Thomas H. Fitzgerald Camp No. 79, White Plains, N. Y.

Captain Malcolm A. Rafferty Camp No. 80, Long Island City, N. Y.

Meets third Thursdays, Queens County Court House.

Commander, August Schneckenburger, 94 Crescent street, Long Island City, N. Y.

Adjutant, Frank Sluka, 36 Prospect street, Winfield, L. I., N. Y.

Quartermaster, John Leya, 11 N. Borough avenue, Winfield, L. I., N. Y.

Sergeant Charles Smith Camp No. 81, Philippine Islands

Meets first and third Thursdays, 24th Infantry, Presidio of San Francisco.

Commander, Kenney Smith, 24th Inf. Band, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.

Adjutant, Walter B. Williams, Sergt. Maj. 24th Inf., Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.

Quartermaster, Chas. Jefferson, Co. "L," 24th Inf., Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.

Lockport Camp No. 83, Lockport, N. Y.

Meets first Wednesday, G. A. R. Hall, corner Main and Pine streets.

Commander, W. K. Beccue, 32 Carlton place, Lockport, N. Y.

Adjutant, W. J. Hooper, 55 Main street, Lockport, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Philip Russell, 176 Gooding street, Lockport, N. Y.

Major General George F. Elliott Camp No. 84, New York City

Meets second Thursday, Marine Barracks, Navy Yard.

Commander, Martin C. Palmer, Assay Office, 23 Pine street, New York City.

Adjutant, Michael Whalen, Assay Office, 23 Pine street, New York City.

Quartermaster, James Kelly, 281 Carlton avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

West Point Camp No. 85, West Point, N. Y.

Meets second Thursday, Engineer Gymnasium.

Commander, Charles J. Watson, Detachment of Ordnance, West Point, N. Y.

Adjutant, William H. Beardsley, Army Service Detachment, West Point, N. Y.

Quartermaster, William H. Schneider, Detachment of Engineers, West Point, N. Y.

Col. John G. Butler Camp No. 86, Syracuse, N. Y.

Meets first and third Tuesdays, 470 South Salina street, Moose Temple.

Commander, George W. Smith, 1017 Montgomery street, Syracuse, N. Y.

Adjutant, John J. Walsh, 1456 Bellevue avenue, Syracuse, N. Y.

Quartermaster, John A. Jaynes, 413 Jackson street, Syracuse, N. Y.

Foreign Service Camp No. 87, New York City

Meets first and third Tuesdays, Horton Bldg., 110 E. 125th street.

Commander, Michael F. McNamara, 169 East 128th street, New York City.

Adjutant, William J. Lynn, 318 East 126th street, New York City.

Quartermaster, John M. Temme, 229 Willis avenue, New York City.

Gen. Joe Wheeler Camp No. 89, New York City

Admiral William P. Potter Camp No. 90, Whitehall, N. Y.

Meets first Thursday, State Armory.

Commander, Clinton C. Yemans, Whitehall, N. Y.

Adjutant, H. S. Douglas, Whitehall, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Albert W. Bement, Comstock, N. Y.

Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 91, *New York City*

Meets third Friday, Na-Bocklish Hall, 45th street and Third avenue.

Commander, John T. Thornton, 436 46th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, Joseph A. Halpin, 837 41st street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Hugh J. Joyce, 2428 Halsey place, Bronx, New York City.

Empire City Camp No. 92, *Brooklyn, N. Y.*

Meets second Thursday, Borough Hall.

Commander, John F. Mead, 1466 Dean street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, James J. Curtin, 539 Kosciusko street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Walter F. Allen, 1146 49th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sixty-ninth Regiment Camp No. 93, *New York City*

Meets first and third Fridays, 26th street and Lexington avenue.

Commander, Michael J. Vaughan, 11 Snyder avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, Thomas F. Gannon, 443 Prospect place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, George E. Gregory, 623 Amsterdam avenue, New York City.

Gen. Stephen Moffit Camp No. 94, *Plattsburg, N. Y.*

Crispus Attuck Camp No. 95, *New York City.*

Meets first Tuesday, 83 W. 13th street.

Commander, Edward A. Singleton, 102 W. 137th street, New York City.

Adjutant, Archie McLee, 3223 Paulding avenue, Williamsbridge, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Lewis C. Henderson, 9 W. 99th street, New York City.

Captain M. W. Marvin Camp No. 96, *Walton, N. Y.*

Meets second Wednesday, State Armory, Stockton avenue.

Commander, James J. Connelly, 8 Sewall place, Walton, N. Y.

Adjutant, A. E. Oothoudt, State Armory, 139–141 Stockton avenue, Walton, N. Y.

Quartermaster, H. J. Rogers, High street, Walton, N. Y.

Col. John Jacob Astor Camp No. 98, *New York City*

Meets second Monday, Hesse's Hall, corner Frankfort and William streets.

Commander, Peter H. Schmidt, 671 Forest avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, Albert A. Reiling, 184 E. 101st street, New York City.

Quartermaster, John F. Eble, 223 Avenue A, New York City.

Col. A. L. Kline Camp No. 99, *Brooklyn, N. Y.*

Meets first and third Thursdays, 366 Greene avenue.

Commander, J. R. K. Barlow, 261 Quincy street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, W. J. Keating, 269 Skillman street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, C. A. Tillotson, 276 Vanderbilt avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Colonel Garland N. Whistler Camp No. 100, *Fort Totten, N. Y.*

Meets first and third Thursdays.

Commander, James P. Quinn, Fort Totten, N. Y.

Adjutant, H. Smith, Fort Totten, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Leroy D. Barr, Fort Totten, N. Y.

Colonel Charles W. Williams Camp No. 101, *Highland Falls,*

Meets second Saturday.

Commander, John Murphy, Sergt., U. S. Army, Retired, Highland Falls, N. Y.

Adjutant, Henry J. Hassler, Artillery Barracks, West Point, N. Y.

Quartermaster, George L. Marsh, Ordnance Detachment, West Point, N. Y.

The Department Commander installed the officers of Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12 and Buckey O'Neil Camp No. 15 on Monday evening, January 3. On Monday evening, January 10, he installed the officers of E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40 at Elmira. The next ten days were spent in New York City visiting the different Camps in that city. Among the Camps visited were Old Guard Camp No. 19; Foreign Service Camp No. 87; Maj.-Gen. George E. Elliott Camp No. 84; Col. Henry W. Hubbell Camp No. 24; Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 73 and Col. Garland N. Whistler Camp No. 100 at Fort Totten. He next went to Troy where he was received by a large delegation from the Camps in Troy, Albany, Schenectady, Saratoga, Cohoes and other cities in the vicinity of Troy, and the Department band. On Saturday, January 22, the Department Commander visited Utica and met the officers of the Emerson H. Liscum Camp No. 33 and O. Ross Wheeler Camp No. 35.

The Department Commander originally intended to visit all of the Camps in the Department on their Camp meeting nights, but after studying over the list of Camps and Camp meeting nights, and finding that except in New York City very few Camps in any part of the State meet on nights that are anywhere near each other, the Department Commander has been obliged to give up this intention. If the Camps within a radius of fifty miles of any part of the State would like to have a visit from the Department Commander, he will try to visit such Camps if they will arrange for a joint meeting and give the Department Commander two or three weeks' notice so that he can arrange his business so as to be present.

The Department Commander was praticularly pleased with the meeting at Troy, the preliminaries for which were arranged by the Senior Vice-Department Commander and the final arrangements by the officers and past officers of the M. D. Russell Camp in Troy. The Department Commander wishes to congratulate the officers and past officers of Colonel Garland N. Whistler Camp at Fort Totten on the excellent condition of their Camp.

Taps

1. Hugo Baldauf, late member of Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 73, died January 12, 1916. He was buried with full military honors in the National Cemetery at Cypress Hills on January 14, 1916.

2. Corporal Knight, late of Company "H," Third U. S. Infantry, late member of Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26, U. S. W. V., died January 22, 1916, at Fort Ontario. His body, which was taken to his home in Illinois, was escorted to the train January 23d by our Camp, and Battalion from the Fort, with full military honors.

3. Thomas F. Hastings, late member of Thomas H. Barber Camp No. 3, Private of Company "H," 203d N. Y. Vol. Infantry, died January 30, 1915, and was buried February 1, 1916, in Calvary Cemetery, with full military honors.

4. John H. Reinhard served in Company "I," 65th N. Y. Vol. Infantry. He assisted in organizing Company "L," 65th Regiment, N. G. N. Y., and Emerson H. Liscum Camp, which later amalgamated with Seyburn Camp, forming the present Seyburn-Liscum Camp. He was a charter member and first Quartermaster of this Camp, to which he belonged to the day of his death. He was buried January 30, 1915, with full military honors. His funeral was attended by a large number of Spanish War Veterans and National Guardsmen, all of whom sincerely mourn his death.

The sympathy of these Headquarters is hereby extended to the families and relatives of the deceased Comrades, and to the Camps with which they were connected.

By order of

FRANK S. SIDWAY,

Department Commander.

Official:

ANDREW B. GILFILLAN,

Department Adjutant.

BULLETIN OF THE UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

March 1, 1916.

General Orders No. 8

Series 1915–1916

Aides de Camp

1. The following appointment is hereby announced on the staff of the Department Commander:

Harlin P. Hamlin Camp No. 52.

Important

The Key bill (H. R. 54), Spanish War widow's pension measure, passed the House of Representatives and is now in the United State Senate.

Write Senators and get all your Comrades and friends to write, urging immediate passage of the bill.

Do this now. To-day. Not to-morrow. Delays are dangerous. We need all the assistance every member of the organization and their friends can render. Will you not do your part and make that little part count?

Send the replies to your letters to D. V. Chisolm, Chairman, Southern Building, Washington, D. C.

Reception to Commander-in-Chief

Final arrangements have been completed for the reception to the Commander-in-Chief, L. C. Dyer, on the night of March 31, 1916, in the Ninth Regiment Armory, New York City, under the auspices of the Camps in Greater New York.

The tentative program consists of a reception to the Commander-in-Chief, a combined muster of all recruits, a mass meeting on Preparedness, at which time men of National prominence will make addresses, a review and dancing.

Admission will be by invitation and no charge will be made, so it is hoped that every Comrade will make an effort to be present

Charles P. Shinn, Department Chief-of-Staff

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to show our loyalty to the Comrade who has sacrificed so much to advance the interests of our beloved order. The Department Commander and staff will be present. Camp Commanders are requested to issue special orders calling attention to this important event so that their entire membership will be present. Comrades desiring further information will please communicate with the Chief of Staff, Chas. P. Shinn, 96 Church street, New York City.

Testimonial Dinner

The Department of New York will tender a dinner to the Commander-in-Chief on the evening of March 30, 1916, at "The Breslin," Broadway and 29th street, New York City. Comrades of national prominence from all parts of the country will be present and each Comrade should make it his duty to be present. The Department Commander and staff will also be present. Tickets are $2.50 per person and may be secured from the chairman of the committee, Chas. P. Shinn, 96 Church street, New York City.

Legislation

A bill to amend the County Law so that boards of supervisors may appropriate money for the erection of monuments in commemoration of Veterans of the Spanish War has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Hill of Broome county, and in the Assembly by Assemblyman Taylor of Erie county.

Errata

The following errors in General Orders No. 7, Roster for 1916, are hereby corrected:

Gen. Joe Wheeler Camp No. 89, New York City. Meets second and fourth Mondays, 423 W. 156th street. Commander, John T. Maddock, 4441 Broadway, New York, N. Y. Adjutant, Arthur F. Porter, 313 W. 19th street, New York, N. Y. Quartermaster, Frank E. McNally, 500 W. 178th street, New York, N. Y.

Crispus Attuck Camp No. 95, New York City. Meets first Tuesday, 83 134th street. Commander, Edward A. Singleton, 102 W. 137th street, New York City. Adjutant, Archie McLee, 3223 Paulding avenue, Williamsbridge, N. Y. Quartermaster, Lewis C. Henderson, 9 W. 99th street, New York City.

Financial Report

To the Department Commander:

I beg to submit the following statement of receipts and disbursements for term commencing July 1, 1915, and ending January 31, 1916:

Receipts

Received from past administration	$989 52
	19 45
Of this amount $770.92 was due National Headquarters for per capita tax due July 1, 1915.	
National and Department per capita tax	1,223 44
Supplies	738 05
Total	$2,970 46

Disbursements

Supplies National Headquarters	$401 53
National per capital tax	770 92
Printing and stenographer fees	202 40
Legislative Committee past administration	143 47
Expenses Department Commander, National Encampment	85 32
Postage (including postage on supplies) and telegrams	50 35
Transportation for delegates-at-large to Scranton, Pa.	11 60
Office supplies	3 90
Encampment badges at Scranton, Pa	2 75
Expressage, including expressage at Utica, N. Y	17 93
Miscellaneous	40 00
Total	$1,730 17

Recapitulation

Total receipts	$2,970 46
Total disbursements	1,730 17
Balance	$1,240 29

Andrew B. Gilfillan, Department Adjutant

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There were on that date unpaid bills amounting to $1,073.10.

The above accounts have been audited by the Auditing Committee appointed by you in G. O. No. 6 C. S., and found correct.

ANDREW B. GILFILLAN,
Department Adjutant.

Semi-Annual Reports

The following Adjutants and Quartermasters' reports are still missing:

Camps No. 6, No. 32, No. 46, No. 68, No. 79, No. 94.

The following Adjutants' reports are still missing:

Camps No. 99, No. 101.

The following Quartermasters' reports are still missing:

Camps No. 22, No. 81, No. 95.

The following Camps have paid neither National nor Department per capita tax or filed their Adjutants and Quartermasters' reports:

No. 32, No. 68, No. 75, No. 79, No. 94.

Taps

Alfred J. Miller, late member of Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20, died February 20, 1916, at Smith Infirmary, Staten Island, N. Y. He was buried February 24, 1916, in Cypress Hill Cemetery, with full military honors. His funeral was attended by a large number of Spanish War Veterans, and the garrison of Fort Wadsworth, N. Y., turned out.

Walter Phillips, late member of W. H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, served in Co. K, 13th U. S. Inf. Died January 31, 1916, at St. Catherine's Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y. Buried with full military honors at St. Michael's Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y., February 2, 1916.

G. G. Stieff, late member of Naval Camp 49, served in the U. S. Navy on the U. S. S. Monadnock. Died January 1, 1916, at Brooklyn, N. Y.

William H. Mapes, late member of H. B. Moore Camp No. 78, served as Lieutenant in the First Regiment, N. Y. V. I. Died February 21, 1916. Buried with full military honors at Newburgh (Woodlawn), N. Y.

The sympathy of these Headquarters is hereby extended to the families and relatives of the deceased Comrades, and to the Camps with which they were connected.

By order of

FRANK S. SIDWAY,
Department Commander.

Official:

ANDREW B. GILFILLAN,
Department Adjutant.

BULLETIN OF THE UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

April 1, 1916.

General Orders No. 9

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District Inspectors

Past Commander James S. Holmes, Camp No. 100, is assigned to inspect Camps No. 85 and No. 101.

Commander Charles J. Watson, Camp No. 85, is assigned to inspect Camps No. 32 and No. 44, in addition to the Camp already assigned him.

District Inspector W. P. Little, Camp No. 42, is assigned to inspect Camp No. 3, in addition to the Camps already assigned him.

District Inspector R. P. Hill, Camp No. 42, is relieved from duty of inspecting Camp No. 3.

Inspections

Camp Commanders upon receipt of a communication from the Department Inspector or District Inspector, must give the same their prompt attention. Camp officers will place at the disposal of the Inspector for purposes of inspection all books, papers, ac-

counts, records and proceedings of the Camp pertaining to the organization.

Department Encampment, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

1. The official dates for the Thirteenth Annual Department Encampment are July 3d, 4th and 5th.

2. The U. S. W. military parade will be held at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of July 4th.

3. Reservations for accommodations should be directed to the hotels, a list of which, together with their rates, will be published later.

4. Any requests for information relative to the Encampment should be directed to Comrade George W. Ainsworth, 15 East Harrison street, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Chairman Encampment Executive Committee.

Delegates

Pursuant to Rules and Regulations, Part 5, Article X, delegates to both the National and Department Conventions should be elected not later than the first regular meeting in May.

Annual Muster

On April 21, 1898, war with Spain was declared. Camps are requested to hold their Annual Muster on that date, or on the regular meeting night nearest that date, so that each Comrade may reaffirm his oath of allegiance to his Flag and to our beloved Order.

Prizes for Recruiting for the Year Ending June 30, 1916

Prizes for Camps showing largest percentage of increase in membership:

First Prize, donated by Major Henry W. Brendel, Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12 ..... $25 00

Second Prize, donated by Past Commander-in-Chief Hamilton Ward 10 00

Prizes for Camps securing the largest number of new members:

First Prize, donated by Department Commander Frank S. Sidway $25 00

Second Prize, donated by Past Commander-in-Chief Hamilton Ward 10 00

Prize to be awarded to the Comrade securing the largest number of new members:

One Prize, donated by Chief of Staff Charles P. Shinn. $20 00

Both of the above named prizes for Camps will not be awarded to the same Camp.

All of the above named prizes will be awarded at the next Department Encampment.

Changes

Commander C. A. Bond, Camp No. 36, correct address, 10 E. 39th street, c/o "Tobacco." New York City.

Quartermaster, Charles G. Lawrence, Camp No. 36, 100 E. 81st street, New York City, vice Patrick Keating, resigned.

Adjutant William J. Lynn, Camp No. 87, correct address, 335 E. 90th street, New York City.

Foreign Service Camp No. 87 meets at 110 E. 125th street, Horton Building, New York City.

Colonel John Jacob Astor Camp No. 98 meets at St. Paul's Parish House, 29 Vesey street, New York City, second Saturday of each month.

Adjutant, John C. Selby, Ordnance Detachment, West Point, N. Y., vice H. J. Hassler, resigned.

Lost and Found

Badge No. 8655, with Commander Rank Bar and National Ribbon, found at the Maine Monument, Columbus Circle, New York City. Owner may have same by applying to Adjutant Frank Sluka, Camp No. 80, 36 Prospect street, Winfield Junction, Long Island.

Reception and Ball

All Comrades of this Department are cordially invited to attend the Military Reception and Ball given jointly by the three Camps of Newark, N. J., on Saturday evening, April 29, 1916, at Kreuger Auditorium, Belmont avenue and Morton street, Newark, N. J.

Legislation

1. The Key bill, H. R. 54, Spanish War Widows' Pension measure, was reported out of the Senate Committee on Pensions, without opposition or amendment, on March 20th, and is now before the Senate for final action. Immediately write to Senators James A. O'Gorman and James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Senate Chamber, Washington, D. C., urging them to use their influence to secure early action by the Senate. DO IT NOW, not to-morrow or next day, but TO-DAY. Delays are dangerous. We need all the assistance every member of the organization and their friends can render. Will you not do your part? Send the replies to your letters to D. V. Chisholm, Chairman, Southern Building, Washington, D. C.

2. The bill to amend the county law so that boards of supervisors may appropriate money for the erection of monuments in commemoration of Veterans of the Spanish War, introduced in the Senate by Senator Hill of Broome County, and in the Assembly by Assemblyman Taylor of Erie County, has passed both houses and is now in the hands of the Governor for approval.

Memorial Field Mass

3. The Fourteenth Annual Memorial Military Field Mass in honor of the Nation's Soldier, Sailor and Marine Dead of the Spanish-American War will be held on the Parade Grounds of the Marine Barracks of the Brooklyn Navy Yard on Memorial Sunday, May 28th, at 10 A. M.

Amalgamation

4. The amalgamation of Emerson H. Liscum Camp No. 33 and O. Ross Wheeler Camp No. 35, both of Utica, N. Y., is announced. W. A. Foster has been elected to be the first Commander. It is

expected that the Department Commander will install the new officers.

Taps

1. Comrade Williams E. Sheerer, Private Co. D, 71st N. Y. Vol. Inf.; died December 24, 1915; buried in Oakland Cemetery, Yonkers, N. Y., members of Randolph Camp No. 27 attending.

2. Comrade Sergeant Francis H. Quinn, 82d Co., C. A. C., U. S. A., late member of George D. Russell Camp No. 43; died March 17, 1916, at Governor's Island; body taken to his home in Brooklyn, N. Y.; ritualistic funeral services conducted by the Camp March 20; buried March 21 in St. Michael's Cemetery, Astoria, L. I., with military honors; Camp represented.

3. Comrade Joseph M. Crone, late Private Co. L, 4th U. S. Inf., and member of Foreign Service Camp No. 87; died February 13, 1916, at Baltimore, Md.; buried February 15, 1916, in New Cathedral Cemetery, Baltimore, Md., with military honors.

4. Comrade John J. Cooney, late Private Co. M, 41st U. S. Vol. Inf., and member of Foreign Service Camp No. 87; died March 9, 1916; buried with military honors on March 12, 1916, in Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The sympathy of these Headquarters is hereby extended to the families and relatives of the deceased Comrades, and to the Camps with which they were connected.

By order of

FRANK S. SIDWAY,

Department Commander.

Official:

ANDREW B. GILFILLAN,

Department Adjutant.

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Department Encampment

The Thirteenth Annual Department Encampment will be held at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., on July 3, 4 and 5, 1916.

The following are the rates charged by the various hotels:

Worden Hotel, $3 to $4 per day.
United States Hotel, $5 to $6 per day.
Grand Union Hotel, $5 to $6 per day.
Adelphi Hotel, $2 to $3 per day.
American Hotel, $3 to $5 per day.
Broadway House, $2 per day.
Sweeny's Hotel, $2 per day.
Columbian Hotel, $2.50 to $3 per day.

Those desiring to reserve rooms should communicate direct with the hotels.

All Department Officers, both elective and appointive, except Department Aides and District Inspectors, are requested to forward to Comrade Fred W. Dunson, Post Office, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., electrotypes of their pictures not later than May 30, 1916, so that their pictures may appear in the Official Encampment Souvenir Programme Book. Electrotypes will be preserved and returned to their owners.

Requests for information relative to the Encampment should be directed to Comrade George W. Ainsworth, 15 East Harrison street, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Chairman Encampment Executive Committee.

Credential Certificates

The customary blank Encampment Certificates for use in reporting names of delegates and alternates to the National and Department Encampments will be forwarded to Camp Adjutants

at an early date. It is desired that they be completed with all necessary information and returned to these Headquarters without delay, so that Credential Certificates may be issued.

Department Officers' Reports for Department Encampment

Camp Surgeons will send their annual reports to the Department Surgeon, Melville A. Hays, M. D., 124 Audubon avenue, New York City.

Camp Patriotic Instructors will send their annual reports to the Department Patriotic Instructor, Gerald J. O'Keefe, 960 Simpson street, New York City.

Camp Historians will send their annual reports to the Department Historian, Dr. Garrett V. Johnson, Schenectady, N. Y.

All other Department Officers will send their annual reports to these Headquarters.

Department officers will mail their reports, as above indicated, before June 1, 1916.

1915 "Proceedings"

The editors of the 1915 "Proceedings" announce that they will be issued during the month of May.

Delegates to the 1915 Encampment who have changed their address since the Encampment, will notify Past Department Commander William Jones, 4380 Carpenter avenue, New York City, to that effect at once.

District Inspectors

Comrade William P. Mahoney, Camp No. 100, is hereby assigned to inspect Camps No. 29 and No. 85.

Past Commander Williams, Camp No. 85, is hereby assigned to inspect Camp No. 101.

Reception to Commander-in-Chief

April 30. 1916.

To the Department Commander:

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.— The committee in charge of the reception tendered to the Commander-in-Chief by the Camps in Greater New York, held on the 30th and 31st of March, 1916, begs to submit to the following report:

Attendance

The reception to the Commander-in-Chief was held in the Ninth Coast Artillery Armory, West 14th street, New York City, at which time 4,000 persons were admitted to the Armory and the doors closed, turning about 1,500 away. Owing to the crowded condition of the Armory, it was impossible to hold the review as arranged.

Finances

The committee is pleased to report that both the dinner and reception were given without any financial loss to the Camps. As the result of the appeal made for a donation of $5.00 to meet the early expenses of the committee, the following Camps responded: Nos. 4, 5, 10, 14, 18, 19, 20, 24, 29, 30, 34, 36, 38, 43, 46, 48, 49, 53, 59, 62, 66, 73, 84, 93, 98, 100. The following failed to respond: Nos. 1, 16, 21, 22, 23, 31, 61, 67, 80, 87, 89, 91, 92, 95, 99. The donation has since been returned to the Camps. The following is a complete financial report:

Receipts

Proceeds from Journal		$300 00
Donation from Camps		130 00
Total		$430 00

Disbursements

Music Committee	$78 00	
Decoration Committee	25 00	
Prize Committee	40 34	
Refreshment Committee	9 00	
Dinner Committee	15 75	
Entertainment Committee	29 00	
Printing	47 40	
Armory Committee	30 00	
Telephone	1 80	
Postage	23 71	
		300 00
Balance		$130 00
Refund to Camps		130 00

Prizes

As previously announced prizes were awarded for the greatest number of recruits, the greatest percentage of recruits, the greatest attendance, and the greatest percentage of attendance. The following Camps were the winners:

David Wilson Camp No. 59, with 18 recruits.

Foreign Service Camp No. 87, with 13.3 per cent.

Manhattan Camp No. 1, with an attendance of 101 Comrades.

Col. Garland N. Whistler Camp No. 100, with 100 per cent attendance.

In connection with this, the committee is pleased to report that 85 recruits were mustered in on the night of the reception.

In conclusion the committee wishes to thank all those who contributed to the success of the reception and respectfully recommends that proper steps be taken to have all Camps in Greater New York hold a combined reception each year.

Respectfully submitted,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

William Jones, National Chief of Staff, Chairman;
Past Department Commander Bernhardt Wall,
Department Chief of Staff Chas. P. Shinn,
National Aide-de-Camp Jas. S. Holmes, Camp No. 100.
Department Inspector Wm. S. Goodwin,
Commander George Tushingham, Camp No. 19,
Commander Edward H. Martin, Camp No. 59,
Past Commander William E. White, Camp No. 4,
Past Commander Terrence J. O'Donnell, Camp No. 38.
Past Commander Michael J. Leary, Camp No. 59,
Senior Vice-Commander John Imhof, Camp No. 20,
Comrade Chas. P. Krauth, Camp No. 10.

Changes

Camp No. 62. Adjutant James A. Waleur, address changed to 704 Eighth avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Camp No. 85. Comrade William H. Schneider, West Point, N. Y., appointed Camp Adjutant, *vice* Comrade Wm. H. Beardsley, resigned.

Comrade Andrew Rheude, West Point, N. Y., appointed Camp Quartermaster, *vice* Quartermaster Schneider, promoted to Adjutant.

Comrade E. E. Swartwood, West Point, N. Y., appointed Qr. Mr. Sergt., *vice* Comrade Andrew Rheude, promoted to Quartermaster.

Camp No. 87. Adjutant James A. Boyd, 344 West 28th street; Wm. J. Lynn, resigned.

Camp No. 20. John Engelken, Officer of the Guard, *vice* John J. Newman resigned.

Preparedness Parade

A Division of Spanish War Veterans will parade in the great Preparedness Parade in New York City May 13th. Officers of Camps will report to Charles P. Shinn, Chief of Staff, 96 Church street, New York City, the number of men they can turn out for this parade.

Games and Entertainment

The Entertainment Committee has secured the large and spacious pleasure grounds called Dexter Park, for the Tenth Annual Outing and Games of Capt. Geo. H. Tully Camp No. 66, U. S. W. V., Saturday afternoon and evening, July 1, 1916. One of the features of this affair will be the baseball game between two Camps of Greater New York, for a trophy worth $75.00 (Silver Loving Cup).

Widows and Orphans' Bill

Our National Legislative Committee is able to report a very successful campaign so far in promulgating a bill for pensioning widows and orphans of our late Comrades in arms.

The committee has arrived at the final stage of its efforts, *and needs the assistance* (not only of a few, but) *of every Comrade in the organization,* and we are now appealing to you in an earnest desire that you will respond by yourself communicating (and having your many friends do likewise) with the United States Senators from this State.

This appeal is sent in a final effort to get through the United States Senate — at the very earliest moment possible — our bill, which is H. R. 54 and is only awaiting a vote in the Senate.

This matter should be pushed from now until you are informed of its passage, with all the vigor and enthusiasm that it is possible for you to muster in all the Comrades with whom you may come in contact. Go to your Camps and have them pass immediately memorials to the United States Senate urging the passage of this measure at an early date, and forward the same to a United States Senator from this State.

This notice tells you what to do. We want you to do it at once — for every moment's delay now is dangerous.

In concerted action we *must* succeed; but if we are lukewarm and let this proposition fail, our organization can expect little hereafter.

Mail your replies to D. V. Chisholm, Chairman Legislative Committee, Southern Building, Washington, D. C.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is consecrated to the memory of our heroic dead and it is our most sacred duty to see that it is fittingly observed. In justice to the living and in fulfillment of our pledges to our departed Comrades, it is highly important that the graves of our loved ones be strewn with flowers and made conspicuous by the placing thereon of a suitable grave marker. And over each mount let "Old Glory" wave, a witness to the sacrificial services of our Comrade in life; and in death a tribute to his memory.

Every effort should be made to attend the various memorial services and to participate in the different parades and observances. With a due regard for the convictions of each other, let the conduct at these services reflect credit upon our order and add to our power and prestige.

Flag Day

June 14th is the anniversary of the American Flag.

It is now a national custom to observe that day and all Comrades are requested to display the flag on their homes and places of business.

New Camps

Colonel Robert C. Van Vliet No. 102, Fort Slocum.

Milton R. Wheeler No. 103, Bath, N. Y.

Amalgamation

The Amalgamation of Emerson H. Liscum Camp No. 33 and O. Ross Wheeler Camp No. 35, both of Utica, N. Y., is announced. W. A. Foster has been elected to be the first Commander. It is expected that the Department Commander will install the new officers.

Commander — W. A. Foster, 118 Hobart street, Utica, N. Y.

S. V. Commander — W. G. Bowen, Clinton, N. Y.

J. V. Commander — Chas. B. Cleary, 112 Spring street, Utica, N. Y.

Officer of the Day — Thomas Slater, 804 Union street, Utica, N. Y.

Officer of the Guard — Henry S. Burkhardt, 1112 Erie street, Utica, N. Y.

Trustee — C. F. Schmidt, 209 Eagle street, Utica, N. Y.

Trustee — Geo. J. Winslow, 134 Holland avenue, Utica, N. Y.

Trustee — John W. Shotthafer, 9 Prospect street, Utica, N. Y.

Adjutant — C. M. Roberts, 110 Clinton place, Utica, N. Y.

Quartermaster — J. D. Clifford, State Armory, Utica, N. Y.

Chaplain — F. C. Schroth, 108 Healy avenue, Rome, N. Y.

State Badges

The State of New York is now issuing campaign badges to all officers and enlisted men who served honorably in the Army or Navy of the United States during the Spanish, Philippine and China campaigns, and who enlisted from the State of New York.

It is suggested that Camp Adjutants write to the Adjutant General, State of New York, Albany, N. Y., asking for application blanks which can be used by the Comrades entitled to these badges; that the Camps assist their members and others entitled to these badges, in obtaining them, and that after they have been obtained, the Camps arrange to have a presentation made of these badges to those entitled to them, on some meeting night.

Information

All Comrades who served in Co. B, 12th U. S. Infantry, with Gen. Smith's expedition in Samar, P. I., from October, 1901, to March, 1902, will kindly communicate with John Leya, 11 N. Borroughs avenue, Winfield Jct., L. I.

Taps

Sterling F. Higley, late member of First N. Y. Vol. Inf., retired, Lieutenant of Co. K, Second N. Y. Vol. Inf., and Past Commander of Warren A. Wilson Camp No. 9, U. S. W. V., died April 18, 1916, and was buried at Pine View Cemetery, Glens Falls, N. Y.

The sympathy of these Headquarters is hereby extended to the relatives of the deceosed Comrade and to the Camp with which he was connected.

By order of

FRANK S. SIDWAY,
Department Commander.

Official:

ANDREW B. GILFILLAN,
Department Adjutant.

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Semi-Annual Reports

Commanders are reminded that semi-annual reports of Adjutant and Quartermaster are due on the 30th day of June, 1916, and must be accompanied by the per capita tax for term commencing July 1, 1916; 12½ cents National, 12½ cents Department.

In order to lessen the work of the Department Adjutant, Camp Commanders are urged to forward these reports and per capita tax immediately after the last stated meeting in June.

Money orders, checks and drafts should be made payable to "United Spanish War Veterans, Department of New York."

Delegates' credentials to the Department Encampment will not be issued until these reports have been received.

Department Encampment

The Thirteenth Annual Department Encampment will be held at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., on July 3, 4 and 5, 1916.

The following are the rates charged by the various hotels:

Worden Hotel, $3 to $4 per day.
Broadway House, $2 per day.
United States Hotel, $5 to $6 per day.
Grand Union Hotel, $5 to $6 per day.
Adelphi Hotel, $2 to $3 per day.
American Hotel, $3 to $5 per day.
Sweeny's Hotel, $2 per day.
Columbia Hotel, $2.50 to $3 per day.
Huestis House, $2.50 and up per person — American plan.
Vermont House, $2 and up per person — American plan.
Elmwood Hall, $2 and up per person — American plan.
Millett's Hotel, $1.75 and up per person — American plan.
Carlsbad, $2.50 and up per person — American plan.
Carlsbad, $1 and up per person — European plan.
Holden House, $2 and up per person — American plan.
Lafayette Hotel, $2 and up per person — American plan.
Summer Rest, $2 and up per person — American plan.

Those desiring to reserve rooms should communicate direct with the hotels.

Requisitions for Supplies

In order to properly close Department books, no requisitions for supplies received after June 15, 1916, will be filled.

Council of Administration

A meeting of the Department Council of Administration will be held on July 2, 1916, at 8 p. m. sharp, at the Worden Hotel. Members are urged to be present.

Credentials Committee

Pursuant to section 2, article 8, Part 3 of the Rules and Regulations, the following Committee on Credentials is hereby appointed: Department Adjutant Andrew B. Gilfillan, Camp No.

12; Comrade W. J. Tyner, Jr., Camp No. 2; Comrade Thomas S. Dawkins, Camp No. 24.

The Credentials Committee will be in session in Saratoga Springs July 2, 1916, from 5 to 8 P. M., at Department Headquarters, Hotel Worden.

Register

Delegates desiring to qualify for the opening session must register July 3, 1916, between 9 and 10 A. M., at the Convention Hall.

All Comrades and their friends attending the Department Encampment will kindly write "U. S. W. V." after their names when they register, so that the committee in charge at Saratoga Springs may receive the proper credit for bringing a large number of people to attend the Encampment.

Prizes for Recruiting

All Camps competing for prizes for recruiting are requested to send their claims to Department Adjutant, giving names of recruits mustered in.

Camp Commanders will certify to the record of the Comrades competing for prizes for Comrades securing largest number of recruits.

Transportation

A special train to the Department Encampment will be run from Buffalo to carry those attending the Encampment from Western New York.

Commander Thomas S. Dawkins, Camp No. 24, 1022 Ogden avenue, New York City, and Junior Vice-Commander Charles J. M. Frey, Camp No. 12, 706 Mutual Life Bldg., Buffalo, N. Y., are hereby appointed transportation aides.

Comrade Dawkins will have charge of transportation for those attending the Encampment from New York City and Hudson River Valley and those living in that section should apply to him for information.

Those living in other sections of the State, should apply to Comrade Frey for information.

Financial Report

The following report of Past Department Commander William Jones is hereby published for the information of the Department.

HEADQUARTERS

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

Second Field Artillery Armory, 166th Street and Franklin Avenue, New York City

July 24, 1915.

COMRADE FRANK S. SIDWAY, *Department Commander, Department of New York,* 194 *Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.:*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.— I have the honor to submit the following report on finances dating from June 21, 1915, when the books were duly audited:

Balance on hand June 21, 1915	$412 97
Total amount received (including per capita tax and supplies)	1,382 36
Total	$1.795 33

Voucher		
No. 283.	Adjutant-General, supplies	$28 83
No. 284.	M. J. Leary, postage, G. O. No. 12	2 29
No. 286.	Department Commander, fare to Encampment and return	12 40
No. 287.	Department Adjutant, as above	12 40
No. 288.	Department Q. M., as above	12 40
No. 289.	W. Jones, expense account as per itemized bill	24 10
No. 290.	Adjutant-General, charter fee	5 00
No. 291.	E. Skidmore, stenographer	10 00
No. 292.	Department Inspector	50 76
No. 293.	Ralph H. Parker, 1914 proceedings	43 79
No. 294.	Salary, Department Q. M.	100 00
No. 295.	Expense account, Department Q. M.	6 23
No. 296.	Salary, Department Adjutant	150 00
No. 297.	Expense account of Department Adjutant, as per itemized bill	34 74
No. 298.	Jas. S. Long, traveling expense	19 29
No. 299.	Wm. Jones, as per itemized bill	12 25
No. 300.	John K. Marshall, proceedings of civil service hearing	60 00
No. 301.	Kiesling Co., printing of reports, G. O. No. 12, and credentials	151 62

Voucher			
No. 302.	Marie V. Rogers, services	$25 00	
No. 303.	Salary of Assistant Department Adjutant	25 00	
	Bank exchange	26	
			$786 36
	Balance		$1,008 97

Of the above vouchers, Nos. 292, 293, 294, 296, 302 and 303 were ordered paid by the Council of Administration, at the meeting of July 7th; the other bills were not presented until after the books were in the hands of the Auditing Committee.

[Signed] W. JONES.

BUFFALO, N. Y., *May* 31, 1916.

We, the undersigned Auditing Committee, appointed by Department Commander Frank S. Sidway, hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of Past Department Commander William Jones above set forth, and find them to be correct.

We find cancelled checks and receipts showing the payment of the various sums set forth in the said statement under heading of "Disbursements" and find a receipt and cancelled check showing the payment of each of said items. These disbursements were made by Past Department Commander Jones between June 15, 1915, the date when the books were closed, and the 8th day of July, 1915, the day after the close of the Department Encampment.

[Signed] HAMILTON WARD,
JOHN T. RYAN,
CHARLES S. BEILMAN.

Department By-Laws

Department Headquarters has printed 7,000 booklets containing the By-Laws and Roster of the Department of New York.

Enough copies have been mailed to the Adjutants of all the Camps in the Department, so that a copy thereof may be furnished to each Comrade.

Changes

Commander John F. Mead, Camp No. 92, 284 Halsey street, Brooklyn. N. Y.

Quartermaster Walter F. Allen, Camp No. 92, 416 Second street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Commander Thomas F. Hyland, Camp No. 21, 15 Columbus place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant John C. Selby, Camp No. 101, Box 542 Highland Falls, N. Y., *vice* Henry J. Hassler, resigned.

Quartermaster Howard L. Pearsall, Camp No. 101, Highland Falls, N. Y., *vice* George L. Marsh.

Adjutant W. C. Spalding, Camp No. 103, S. S. Home, Bath, N. Y., *vice* James J. Danley, resigned.

Memorial Services

The Department Commander, with the Department Commander of the G. A. R., attended the G. A. R. memorial services at Elmwood Music Hall, Buffalo, N. Y., May 28, 1916, at which Gov. Whitman was the principal speaker.

The Fourteenth Annual Memorial Military Field Mass in honor of the Nation's Soldier, Sailor and Marine Dead of the Spanish-American War, was held on the Parade Grounds of the Marine Barracks of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, on Memorial Sunday, May 28th, at 10 A. M.

Information Wanted

Comrade J. R. Morory, 814 Dingledine avenue, Lima, Ohio, would like to communicate with Owen W. Mathews of Co. F, Fourth U. S. V. Inf. "Immunes."

Games and Entertainment

The Entertainment Committee of the Buffalo Joint City Board U. S. W. V., has arranged for a Grand Reunion and Outing to be held at Fort Erie Beach, Wednesday, June 21, 1916. Balangiga Lair No. 8, M. O. S., will give an entertainment afternoon and evening.

The Entertainment Committee of the Capt. George H. Tully Camp No. 66, U. S. W. V., Jamaica, N. Y., have made final arrangements for the Tenth Annual Picnic and Outing to be held

Saturday afternoon and evening, July 1, 1916, at Dexter Park, Cypress Hills. Tickets, 25 cents each. All Comrades are invited to attend in uniform.

New Jersey Encampment

On Saturday, June 10, 1916, the Department of New Jersey will hold its Annual Department Encampment in the city of Newark, N. J., in connection with the 250th Anniversary of the birth of the city of Newark. The day has been officially designated as "U. S. W. V. Day," and the committee in charge are making especial arrangements to entertain our Comrades in a manner befitting the occasion.

The committee in charge has extended to the Department of New York, an invitation to participate in the military parade, which will start at 5 P. M. sharp, on that date, from Bridge and Broad streets, Newark, N. J. The Department Commander is desirous of returning the many courtesies shown to this Department by the Department of New Jersey and urges all uniformed Comrades to parade on that day. Commanders of Camps in New York City and vicinity will take up this matter with the members of their respective Camps, to the end that a large attendance may be secured. The U. S. W. V. Committee in charge assures all who attend an evening of enjoyment that will linger pleasantly in the memory of Comrades for years to come. Any further information desired may be secured from the Department Chief of Staff, Comrade Charles P. Shinn, 96 Church street, New York City.

Taps

Comrade Ernest W. Steinbuckle, late Assistant Steward Hospital Corps, and member of Seyburn Liscum Camp No. 12, died May 31, 1916; buried June 3 at Buffalo with full military honors.

Comrade Charles J. Drumm, Camp No. 36, late first class machinist, U. S. S. Solace, died April 24, 1916; buried St. John's Cemetery, Honesdale, Pa., with full military honors.

Percy Davidson, late Mate U. S. S. Jason, and member of Empire City Camp No. 92, died May 16, 1916. Buried at Mount Hope Cemetery, N. Y. Funeral private.

William S. Goodwin, Department Inspector

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The sympathy of these Headquarters is hereby extended to the relatives of the deceased Comrades, and to the Camps with which they were connected.

By order of

FRANK S. SIDWAY,
Department Commander.

Official:

ANDREW B. GILFILLAN,
Department Adjutant.

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DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Department Commander and Comrades, Depaortment of New York:

I have the honor to submit my report as Department Inspector for the term 1915–16.

As a foreword my regrets are in order because I was unable to obtain inspection reports from all Camps. In the beginning due provision was made for the inspection of every camp in so far as it was humanly practicable or possible, but no human endeavor can overcome the handicap of contemptuous indifference to written appeals, in most instances carrying stamped envelopes for reply, that it has been my nearly sad lot to contend with in the conduct of my office. In this connection, I suppose I have not experienced more trouble than have some of my predecessors, but I have it on good authority that the disease known as writer's cramp was never more prevalent up through the State than it has been since the

beginning of last April. Right here, I bespeak for my successor better luck, and hope, moreover, that he'll be of a sanguine temperament.

At the outset of the term my previous experience as a District Inspector led me to believe that the Inspection Report in use could be improved on, and after consultation with the National Chief of Staff, Comrade Jones, I submitted a form to the Inspector-General, which, with some minor alteration by the latter, was adopted and is now in general use. The report takes cognizance of the activity of Camps along patriotic and social lines and in the matter of obtaining newspaper publicity, to all of which, it was generally recognized, that we had not, heretofore, devoted sufficient attention. Believing that it is for the best interests of the order, therefore important, that Camps obtain as much laudatory newspaper comment as possible, especially along patriotic lines, I have, in every instance that such was reported by the District Inspector, or that I had personal knowledge of, raised the rating recommended by the Inspector.

In connection with ratings, I wish to make it clearly understood that each District Inspector was given to understand in his instructions, and space was provided on the inspection form for his recommendation, that he was the "man at the front" who saw and should know the exact conditions and that his recommendations as to the rating to be awarded the Camp would be respected unless in direct conflict with the return shown on the face of the report. I wish to go on record right here by saying that in not a single instance was this confidence misplaced. If they erred at all it was not on the side of leniency.

A condition was brought to my notice by one of the District Inspectors that has to do with Camps located in the smaller towns, or, we might say, sparsely settled districts. Take, as an instance, No. 96. The membership of this Camp, for residential purposes, is scattered over a radius 35 miles in extent and to aattend the meetings the Comrades are required to make sacrifices in time and money that would perhaps appall the average flat-dweller, with a trolley car at his door, if confronted with the same difficulty. As Comrade Little has very truly stated, these comrades are entitled to the heartiest commendation for their successful efforts in maintaining their organizations. It required two days and one night

of the District Inspector's time and an expenditure of $4.92 for railroad and hotel to accomplish this inspection. Personally, I don't think the game worth the candle and have made a recommendation covering the matter. I owe Comrade Little a very humble apology for insisting on him making the inspection in April. I'm a bit wiser now.

The Department Roster, bearing date of May 1st of the current year shows that there are 86 Camps in the Department in good standing. Four of these were instituted this year. Of the remaining 82 I received inspection reports for 77. No inspection reports were received from the District Inspectors for Camps 56, 60 and 86. Sergeant Charles Smith Camp No. 81, may be said to "have the habit" of not being inspected. The entire membership of the Camp are in active service in the 24th U. S. Infantry. This regiment returned from the Philippines in the early part of this year and tarried awhile in San Francisco. I wrote the Commander in March with the idea of making arrangements for an inspection, but even while the letter was en route the regiment was shipped away to the Rio Grande. The remaining uninspected Camp, No. 32, re-entered into good standing in the Department on the 19th of June.

In the following commentary on Camps it will be noted that special stress is laid on the number of Comrades reported as being uniformed. To my way of thinking, the uniform matter is a very important one, because it is reasonable to assume that the Comrade who has evidenced his interest in Camp and the Order by the purchase of a uniform will be more lasting in his allegiance than one who has not so proven himself.

No. 1. Manhattan Camp, New York City, has 441 on its roster, all in good standing, a gain of 24 since the previous inspection. Have a balance on the right side of their bank book of $2,824.63. Disbursed $650 for relief during the year. They are safety-firsters in regard to finance, their books having been audited by a chartered public accountant to January of the current year. Four hundred of the members are uniformed in the garb that best typifies service in the army in the Spanish War — the khaki. This Camp won first prize for parading the largest number of Comrades at the big reception to the Commander-in-Chief last

March. No. 1 is a robust and enthusiastic unit of the Order. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 2. Marcus D. Russell Camp, Troy, has a membership of 105, all in good standing, a loss of ten since the previous inspection. They have a balance of $188.52 in the treasury and disbursed $150 for relief. Only 15 Comrades are reported as being uniformed, which paucity in numbers suggests a tailors' strike over Troy way. To off-set the bad uniform showing, 100 Comrades are reported as parading on Memorial Day, which is a very good showing, indeed. Condition very good; prospects excellent, if the tailors get busy.

No. 3. Thomas H. Barber Camp, Binghamton, shows a membership of 137, of which number 131 are in good standing. This is a loss of 11 since the previous inspection. They have $246.10 in the treasury. Fifty-five members are uniformed. Live, hustling Comrades are these Binghamton boys who have won for themselves and the order much favorable press comment. To cite only one example was the presentation to the high school of a beautiful flag costing $56. The Camp's newspaper, The Barber-Its, is a bright little messenger that is doing lots of good in the Camp and throughout the Department. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 4. William H. Hubbell, Brooklyn's biggest, boasts of 271 members, all in good standing. This is a gain of 11 over the inspection of a year ago. No. 4 is nothing if not thrifty, having $3,679.06 to keep the wolf from the door. They purpose owning their own home some time in the near future. One hundred and fifty of the Comrades are uniformed. This Camp is one of the leaders in all that means progress for themselves and the order. The District Inspector reported two doctors and two lawyers having been mustered in on the night of the inspection, which suggests quality and quantity both being taken care of. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 5. Gloucester Naval Camp, Brooklyn, has 55 Comrades, all in good standing, a loss of 12 since the last inspection, at which time 14 were not in good standing. The Camp has $57.60 in the treasury, a gain of some $40 over last year. Funds are not kept in the bank. Thirty Comrades are uniformed. The Camp has earned fame for itself and the order in fathering the military

mass, a yearly event at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, attended by thousands and obtaining generous notices from all the big dailies. The fact that the best beloved Comrade in the order, John P. Chidwick, is a hustling member of the Camp is sufficient in itself to give Gloucester a place in the sun. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 6. Hon. Stephen Sanford Camp, Amsterdam, has 25 members, all in good standing, a loss of one since the previous inspection. Funds amount to $216.09, which is some $205 more than was reported a year ago, and they disbursed $80 for relief. They have no descriptive book and only one member of the Camp is uniformed; chance for the Amsterdam tailors to get busy. They meet every week for social purposes, which is an excellent idea. Conditions and prospects very good.

No. 7. Niagara Falls Camp, Niagara Falls, has a membership of 60, all in good standing, a loss of nine since the last inspection. The sum of $157.75 represents their treasury holdings and $60.50 was disbursed to families for relief. Forty of the Comrades are uniformed, which is a splendid showing. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 8. William R. Carmen Camp, Mount Vernon, has a membership of 47, all of whom are in good standing, a gain of 11 over the previous inspection. They have a fund of $134.96, an increase over last year of $56.00, and their property, part of which is a burial plot, is estimated at $1,400. Thirty of the members are uniformed, an excellent percentage. Condition and prospects excellent.

No. 9. Warren A. Wilson Camp, Glens Falls. The roster shows 53 members, all in good standing. This is a gain of 11 over last year's inspection report. Balance in treasury $30.92, an increase over last year of $12. Twenty of the Comrades are uniformed. The Camp has no descriptive book. Officers should brush up a bit in the direction of memorizing the ritual. Conditions good. Prospects very good.

No. 10. Theodore Roosevelt Camp, New York City, has 118 members, all in good standing, a gain of 16 since the previous inspection. Their treasury balance is principally in the shape of a relief fund and amounts to the very comfortable sum of $2,084.86, an increase in excess of $400 over last year. Sixty-five of the

members are uniformed. Q. M. books are exceptionally well kept. Mutual Aid maintained by Camp is worthy of special mention, a feature of which is the immediate payment of $50 to a dead Comrade's beneficiary. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 11. General Eugene Griffin Camp, Schenectady, has a membership of 148, all in good standing. This is a loss of one since the previous inspection. Fifty-seven members are uniformed. The Camp disbursed relief to the amount of $1,682 during the year. No. 11 is a live, hustling aggregation. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 12. Seyburn-Liscum Camp, Buffalo, carries 296 Comrades on its roster, all of whom are in good standing. This is a gain of eight since last year's inspection. The balance in the treasury is represented by $409.23, of which $370 is carried as a sinking fund. Seventy-five of the members are uniformed. Excellence in the rendition of the ritual is a feature in this Camp, the work of the Chaplain, in this connection, being worthy of special mention. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 14. Fourteenth Regiment Camp, Brooklyn, has 98 members, 96 being in good standing. This is a loss of 10 since the inspection of a year ago. The funds are $38.34. Sixty Comrades are uniformed, which is a very good percentage, and the estimated value of property is $500. The internal economy of this Camp has been a bit disturbed in the past, but under the present Commander and officers the tide has set in the direction of port success, and it is only a question of a little time when the 14th Camp will find themselves up with the leaders. Conditions good. Prospects excellent.

No. 15. Bucky O'Neil Camp, Buffalo, has a membership of 201, all in good standing, a gain of eight Comrades since the last inspection. Sixty members are uniformed. Treasury balance shows $345.86. Members show initiative in obtaining press notice and recruits. A feature of their work in the latter direction is filing of the American Standard in Public Library from which source they locate prospects, or leads, for the recruiting committee to go after. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 16. Admiral Schley Naval Squadron Camp, Brooklyn, has a membership of 134, all in good standing, a gain of nine over

the previous inspection. The treasury balance amounts to $267.57, an increase in the sinews of war amounting to some $69 over last year. One hundred of the Comrades are uniformed, which is an excellent showing. This Camp is affiliated with Winchester Post of the G. A. R., one of the best in the State. No. 16 has seen fit to withdraw from membership in the Kings County M. and E. Committee, an action, on the principle that unity makes for strength, not likely to accrue to the best interests of the order or themselves. The present Commander is able and energetic. Conditions very good and prospects the same. Recommend that the Camp join issue with the M. and E. Committee and thresh out their differences.

No. 17. Major General R. P. Hughes Camp, Buffalo, has 73 on its roster, all of whom are in good standing. This is a loss of 10 since the inspection of a year ago. Sixteen members of the Camp are uniformed. The Camp fund is made up of $26.89 and the property value is estimated at $400. The books of the Q. M. are reported as being exceptionally well kept. Loss of 10 Comrades during the year suggests passivity in the way of recruiting. There is room and work a-plenty for a uniform committee. Conditions and prospects good.

No. 18. Admiral Philip Camp, Brooklyn, has a membership of 63, all in good standing, a gain of five over the number last year. They have a treasury balance of $137. Thirty-seven Comrades are uniformed. This is a colored Camp and the members are worthy of unstinted commendation for the excellence of the organization they maintain. I am not seeking office, therefore am not looking for the colored vote, which fact may lend some additional weight to the foregoing. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 19. Old Guard Camp, New York City, has 122 on its roster, of which number 110 are in good standing. This is a loss of 14 since the previous inspection. However, the report indicated a gain of 12 since the last semi-annual return, which would suggest that a little time at the same speed would bring No. 19 up to its former standing with a little something to spare. The Camp has funds to the amount of $307.31, and 40 per cent of the members have shown interest in their Camp and order by being uniformed. The officers have memorized the ritual. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 20. Joseph S. Decker Camp, Stapleton, Staten Island, has 92 members, all of whom are in good standing, a loss of 14 since the inspection of a year ago. The balance in the treasury amounts to $89.70, which represents a gain in cash of some nineteen dollars over last year. Fifty of the Comrades are uniformed. Apart from its loss in membership, which may be accounted for by transfer to other stations of Comrades still in the service, the Camp seems to be O. K. Conditions and prospects very good.

No. 21. General Henry W. Lawton Camp, Brooklyn, has 63 on its roster, all in good standing. This is a gain of one over the last inspection. The funds total $205, which makes the Camp richer by $32 than they were a year ago. Twenty-five members are uniformed. The ritual is reported memorized and the conduct of business indicates good discipline. The Camp holds a yearly memorial service in honor of General Lawton that is one of the features of Spanish War Veterans' Circles in Brooklyn. Conditions and prospects good.

No. 22. Brooklyn Camp, Brooklyn, has a membership of 69, of which number 57 are in good standing. This Camp represents the amalgamation of Capron and McCalla Camps, the charter being dated June, 1915, with 65 charter members. As a gain of three by muster and one by transfer was effected since the last semi-annual report, No. 22 would seem to be in process of taking up some slack. The funds amount to $320.30, and 50 of the members are uniformed. Conditions excellent and prospects are likewise.

No. 23. New York City Camp, New York City, has a membership of 59, all in good standing, a loss of 15 since the last inspection. The funds amount to $77.43. Forty-five of the Comrades are uniformed, which is a very good showing. The Camp publishes a little newspaper monthly, called *The Sentinel,* that has won a lot of favorable comment for its breezy style and excellent appearance. Despite the fact that this Camp shows a loss in membership, the District Inspector paid a high tribute to the energy and resourcefulness of the Commander and officers, and took occasion to say that it was only a matter of time when the Camp would both recoup its losses and be some to the good besides. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 24. Colonel Henry W. Hubbell Camp, New York City, has a membership of 76, of which number 70 are in good standing. This is a loss of two since the inspection of last year. As a gain of three by muster, two by transfer and one by reinstatement, a total of six, since the last semi-annual report is shown, it is easy to believe that the Camp has struck the right trail and at a good gait too. The funds amount to the comfortable figure of $248.68, and 45 of the Comrades are uniformed. A monthly publication devoted to the interests of the Camp and Order, entitled *The Veteran*, has won for itself many eomiums and indicates by its appearance and the matter carried the possession by the Commander and other editors of considerable journalistic ability. The books of the Adjutant and Quartermaster are reported as being models in the way of accuracy, neatness, etc. Solidarity in action and continuity of purpose mark the doings of this No. 24 aggregation. Conditions excellent and prospects the same.

No. 25. L. Boardman Smith Camp, Rochester, has 142 on its roster, 139 of that number being in good standing. This represents a loss of 15 since the previous inspection. They have a balance on the right side of their bank account of $546.92, of which amount $438.76 is carried as a relief fund. Forty Comrades are uniformed, a showing that will permit of improvement. The Camp has property valued at $651, included in which is a cemetery plot. The Quartermaster's books are reported as being excellently well kept. The Commander is active and energetic and attributes loss in membership to the Foreign Service Order, a trouble he has every hope of overcoming in the near future. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 26. Robert C. Anderson Camp, Oswego, has 105 members, all in good standing, a gain in membership over last year of 39 Comrades. Since the last semi-annual report, 16 were gained by muster, two by transfer and 19 by reinstatement. This is an extraordinarily good showing and would indicate that the boys in Oswego have a trifle more than their share of ginger. The treasury shows a balance to the good of $100, which represents a decided gain in finances. Fifty of the Comrades are uniformed, a majority of which number are still in active service. The report indicates that No. 26 is in decidedly healthy and excellent condition. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 27. Wallace F. Randolph Camp, Yonkers. The roster shows 60 members, all in good standing. This is a gain of 10 over the inspection of a year ago, 10 being gained by muster, two by transfer and four by reinstatement since the last semi-annual report. Looks like a ginger ship had docked at the port of Yonkers. The treasury shows $434.01 on the right side, $300 of which is carried as a relief fund. The Camp disbursed $300 for relief to families. Twenty of the members are uniformed. Conditions and prospects are excellent.

No. 28. Captain F. R. Palmer Camp, Albany, has on its roster 165 Comrades, all in good standing, a gain of 30 since the last inspection. They have a balance in the treasury of $449.22 and disbursed $500 in relief. Eighty of the members are uniformed and 158 paraded on Memorial Day. Camp has no descriptive book. No. 28 is an aggregation of workers and have been very successful in obtaining laudatory newspaper comment. They fathered four very successful functions during the year. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 29. W. S. Overton Camp, Whitestone, L. I., has a membership of 28, all in good standing. This figure is the same as that of the previous inspection, and if no gain is shown, by the same token there are no losses. Poor field for recruiting. They have funds to the amount of $65.83, which is a whole lot of money out on Long Island, and they disbursed $120 in relief. Seventeen of the Comrades are uniformed. No. 29 seems to be holding her own. A little brushing up on the ritual by the officers would tend to increase interest. Conditions and prospects very good.

No. 30. Neptune Naval Camp, Brooklyn, has 52 members on its roster, all of them being in good standing. This represents a loss of five since the last inspection. The Camp has $23.33 in the treasury and 26 of the members are uniformed. The funds are not kept in bank. Camp has no impression seal. The Camp is handicapped by the fact that part of its membership is still in active naval service, therefore unable to attend the meetings. Conditions and prospects good.

No. 31. Griffin Engineers' Camp, New York City, has on its roster 48 members, all in good standing, a loss of two since the inspection of a year ago. They have a bank account of $122 and

20 of the Comrades are uniformed. The officers are reported as being able and energetic, but the general trend seems toward passivity. Conditions and prospects good.

No. 33. Liscum-Wheeler Camp, Utica. This Camp reprerents the amalgamation of O. Ross Wheeler and Emerson Liscum Camps, the new charter bearing date of May 17, 1916. The roster shows a membership of 65, of which number 40 are uniformed. The new Camp has funds to the amount of $318 and property estimated at $250. The ritual has been partly memorized. Everything would seem to indicate that the new No. 33 will have a successful career and prove to be a valuable unit of the Order. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 34. Henry J. Reilly Camp, Brooklyn, has a membership of 63, a gain of 18 since the last inspection. They have a balance in the treasury of $76. Thirty of the members are uniformed. The officers are reported as being able and energetic, with ability to transmit some of their enthusiasm to the rank and file. The Camp shows steady improvement. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 36. Defendam Camp. Excellent. Membership 67.

No. 37. Norman W. Crosby Camp, New Rochelle, has 46 members, all in good standing. This is another Camp that shows neither gain nor loss since the last inspection. To have and to hold, as it were. They have funds to the amount of $123.28, with property estimated at $500. Twenty-five of the members are uniformed. The Camp is reported as being very active along the lines of patriotic and social endeavor, as well as having obtained quite some newspaper publicity. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 38. Guy V. Henry Camp, New York City, has 126 members, all of whom are in good standing. This is a gain over the previous inspection of 17. One hundred of the members are uniformed, an excellent showing indeed. Their treasury shows a balance to the good of $195.38, and the value of the property is estimated at $500. Adjutant's records, etc., in particularly good shape. Officers and members are enthusiastic in and for everything that means progress for the Order. Condition and prospects excellent.

No. 39. Major Lewis B. Lawton Camp, Auburn, has 61 Comrades on its roster, all standing good. This is a gain of two over the number reported at the last inspection. The Camp funds amount to $61.69 and the property $100. The ritual is partly memorized. Number having uniforms not reported. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 40. E. M. Hoffman Camp, Elmira, has a membership of 46, 40 of this number being in good standing. This is a gain of two over the last inspection. The treasury shows a balance of $45.83, and the property value is $300. Eighteen of the Comrades are uniformed. Ritual has not been memorized; a little brushing up needed here, as there is nothing better calculated to awaken and conserve the interest of the membership of a Camp than a good line of ritualistic work. Conditions and prospects very good.

No. 42. Colonel Walter Scott Camp, Oneonta, has a membership of 48, of which number 42 are in good standing. This is a loss of one since the previous inspection. Twenty of the members are uniformed, and the Camp has funds aggregating $246.02, of which $116.02 is in the shape of a relief fund. These figures indicate a substantial gain in the treasury department of Scott Camp over last year. Like other Camps in the smaller towns, the members of No. 42 are worthy of special commendation for the excellence of the organization they maintain, many of them being required to travel considerable distances to attend meetings. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 43. George D. Russell Camp, Brooklyn, has 82 members, 61 of them being in good standing. This figure represents a gain over the inspection of last year of six. The treasury shows a balance on the right side of $234.90, $170.86 of this being carried as a relief fund. They have outstanding liabilities amounting to $20. Twenty of the members are uniformed, which suggests need of uniform accelerators. Under the present energetic Commander and officers the delinquent list, somewhat heavy, bids fair to be considerably lessened. The ritual work of this Camp is a feature, the work of the Chaplain — minister of a large church in Brooklyn and a royal good Comrade to boot — being specially praiseworthy. The hospitality of Russell, No. 43, is proverbial

and it is dispensed in first cabin style. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 44. Major John K. Sague Camp, Poughkeepsie, has a roster of 55 members, all of whom are in good standing. This number indicates a loss of 53 since the inspection of a year ago, at which time there was a membership of 108, 63 being in good standing. Trustees seem to have been working overtime jettisoning Comrades on the delinquent list. The treasury funds amount to $86.99, and 30 of the Comrades are uniformed. The Camp is reported as being in satisfactory shape. Conditions and prospects very good.

No. 45. Samuel M. Porter Camp, Jamestown, has a membership of 72, all of whom are in good standing. This is a loss of seven since the previous inspection. The funds amount to $79.51, and the Camp disbursed $600 for relief during the year. None of the members are uniformed, which is a reflection on the Jamestown Tailors' Association. Fifty members participated in the Memorial Day ceremonies. Ritual not memorized. Other than the strictures noted, the Camp seems to be in satisfactory condition. Conditions and prospects very good.

No. 46. Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp, New York City, has 77 on its roster, all in good standing. This is a gain of 11 over the report of the last inspection. The funds are represented by $152, and the property is valued at $600. Forty-seven Comrades are uniformed. The ritual is memorized and altogether the Hamilton Fish aggregation can be said to be in a very satisfactory condition. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 47. Baron Steuben Camp, Hornell, has 12 members, the whole dozen being in good standing. The Camp has no funds and the property is valued at $10. The officers and members of the Camp are in active service in Company K, 3d Infantry, National Guard, and most of their activities are centered in that direction. They maintain their organization as a unit of the Order, in a modified way, which is perhaps all that can reasonably be expected of them. Conditions and prospects good.

No. 48. Admiral Sampson Camp, Brooklyn, has 44 on its roster, all in good standing. This is a loss of seven since the previous inspection. The treasury balance shows $33.20. Thirty-six

members are uniformed, which is an excellent showing. Camp funds are not kept in bank. The officers and members of No. 49 are able and very enthusiastic Comrades and their interest in everything that pertains to the Order is not limited to the Camp. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 49. Naval Camp, Brooklyn, has a membership of 131, of which number 122 are in good standing. This is a loss of one since the last inspection. They have the very tidy sum of $1,498.50 in their strong box, $1,497.60 being carried in the shape of a relief fund. The muster fee is $2 and the annual dues $6. Seventy-five per cent. of the camp is uniformed. The Commander and officers are hustling Comrades and the Camp as a whole is the peer of any in the Order. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 51. Colonel John W. Vrooman Camp, Herkimer, has 44 members on its roster, 20 of them being in good standing. At the last inspection the Camp had a membership of 20, all of whom were in good standing. The funds amount to $20.29, and the property is valued at $600. Twenty of the Comrades are uniformed, which is an excellent percentage. This Camp is located in a section the recruiting possibilities of which are restricted; in fact the Camp has every eligible within its practicable radius on the roster. Many of the charter members have left the town and section. The officers and members of the Camp are deserving of commendation for making as good a showing as they do. It is recommended, however, that they go into committee of the whole on the delinquent question. Conditions and prospects are good.

No. 52. Franklin C. Warner Camp, Ilion, has 25 members, all in good standing, a gain of six since the inspection of a year ago. Four were gained by muster since the last semi-annual report. The treasury has funds to the amount of $52.43, and the Camp property is valued at $150. Twenty-two of the members are uniformed, pretty nearly a maximum. This Camp looks good to me. Every line of the report indicates that No. 52 is in a most satisfactory condition. The officers and members are entitled to unstinted commendation for the showing they have made. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 53. Major Frank Keck Camp, New York City, has a membership of 106, of which number 92 are in good standing.

This is a gain of one over the previous inspection. The funds total $297.31, and the Camp disbursed $60 for relief to members. Sixty per cent. of the members are uniformed. Keck Camp has always been recognized as a very active unit of the Order, and under its present hustling officers still retains that reputation. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 56. Louis W. Carlisle Camp, Watertown, was not inspected. The District Inspector had three Camps to inspect, all three involving the negotiation of quite some considerable distances. Even while having the best possible will in the premises, owing to unforeseen circumstances he found at the last minute he would be unable to encompass the inspection of No. 56. Very regrettable, but a clear demonstration of the wisdom of Bobby Burns' saying anent men and mice.

No. 58. Saratoga Camp, Saratoga Springs, shows 42 Comrades on its roster, all of whom are in good standing. This is a gain of three over the previous inspection. The treasury has funds to the amount of $300.27, and the property is valued at $650, in which is included a cemetery plot. Only 12 members are uniformed. The Camp disbursed $95.22 for relief during the year. Quartermaster is bonded for only $100, which is too little; this last is speaking generally, of course. Camp has no colors. Other than the strictures noted, No. 58 seems to be running easy and to be a live, hustling lot of Comrades bent on doing their best for their Camp and the Order. Conditions very good and prospects excellent if the uniform board gets to work.

No. 59. David Wilson Camp, New York City, the incubator for Department Commanders, has a membership of 210, all of whom are in good standing. This is a gain of 20 since the last inspection and of 22 since the last semi-annual report. The treasury has a balance to the good of $222.32, and the property is valued at $575. Eighty of the Comrades are uniformed. Books of the Adjutant and Quartermaster are exceptionally well kept. The Commander and other officers are hustlers and animated with a keen sense to keep things moving. This Camp probably enjoys the best attended meetings of any in the Department. A monthly paper called *The Live Wire* fathered by the Camp is probably better and more favorably known throughout the entire Order

than any similar publication. This Wilson aggregation have taken the word "fail" out of the Camp dictionary and given it the gate. One of their achievements was winning the first prize for recruiting at the reception to the Commander-in-Chief. Now they are engaged as the foremost figure in the project of erecting a soldiers and sailors' monument in the Bronx. To sum up, they are a bunch of additions and multiplications who don't tolerate any subtractions or divisions in their Camp. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 60. Captain Allyn K. Capron Camp, Olean. This Camp was inspected by the regularly appointed District Inspector on the 17th of April. He must have submerged immediately after, because no report of the inspection was received and communications sent him remained unanswered.

No. 61. Hugo E. Kruse Camp, Corona, Long Island, has a membership of 23, of which number 21 are in good standing. This is the same as reported at the previous inspection. The funds amount to $61.04. Fifteen members are uniformed, a good showing, by the way. The field for recruiting here is limited and the several Camps between Manhattan and Flushing do well to hold their own. They are deserving of commendation for maintaining their several organizations. Conditions and prospects very good.

No. 62. William McKinley Camp, Brooklyn, has 63 good and true Comrades on its roster, all of whom are in good standing. The Camp funds total $55.68, and the property is valued at $300. Thirty-two of the members are uniformed. This is the Camp that the Department Inspector has the honor of holding membership in, so we will simply remark that conditions and prospects are excellent and turn to the next.

No. 66. Captain George H. Tilly Camp, Jamaica, Long Island, has on its roster 85, all of whom are in good standing. This is a gain of 17 since the previous inspection. The funds amount to $222.83, and the property is valued at $350. Fifty per cent. of the members are uniformed, which is a good showing. The Camp is located in a section that is growing by leaps and bounds and the Tilly boys seemingly manage to keep one or two leaps and bounds ahead of their nearest neighbors. They are a hustling and enthusiastic lot of Comrades. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 67. John V. Searles Camp, Flushing, Long Island, has a membership of 26, all of whom are in good standing. This is a loss of two since the last inspection. They have a balance in the treasury of $34.23. Eighteen of the Comrades are uniformed. As has been mentioned, the field for recruiting in this section is limited. The larger portion of No. 67's members are also members of the Separate Company of the National Guard, the armory of which serves as the Camp headquarters. The members are enthusiastic for all and everything that means progress in our Order. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 69. Admiral Cook Camp, Haverstraw, has a membership of 42, all in good standing. This is a loss of seven since the last inspection. The funds amount to $113.27, and the property is valued at $100. Forty of the members are uniformed. As two Comrades were gained by muster and one by transfer since the last semi-annual report, the Camp would seem to be in the process of building up. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 71. Hudson Camp, of Hudson, has a roster of 31, and the 31 are in good standing. This is the same number as at the last inspection, at which time, however, only 27 were in good standing. Six Comrades were gained by reinstatement since the last semi-annual report, which indicates that the Hudson boys are doing some intensive recruiting. The treasury has $63.66 to the good. Only six of the members are uniformed. General Orders are not read at meetings; otherwise the Camp seems to be in good shape. Conditions and prospects very good, but look up the uniforms.

No. 72. Joseph J. Tully Camp, Corning, has 27 members, all in good standing. This is a loss of two since the previous inspection. The funds are reported as being $8.11, with liabilities amounting to $9, which condition would hardly command much of a rating from Bradstreet or Dun. However, the Camp has property valued at $400, which is a very respectable showing. Ten members are uniformed. The District Inspector reports the officers hope in the near future to secure a substantial increase in membership, having quite a few eligibles (railroad employees) on their list to work on. Conditions fair and prospects good.

No. 73. Major-General Thomas H. Barry Camp, Brooklyn, has a membership of 142, all in good standing. This is a gain of

13 over the previous inspection. They have $103.33 in the Camp treasury, and 100 of the members are uniformed, this last being an excellent showing. Funds are in bank, but not in the name of the Camp, which is not so good. The officers have memorized the ritual, and the books of both the Adjutant and Quartermaster are exceptionally well kept. A notable and highly commendable instance of Barry Camp's patriotic activities was the presentation of a beautiful flag to Public School No. 127, Brooklyn, on June 14th — Flag Day. This Camp is well located in a rapidly growing section, and with the enthusiasm which obtains among its members promises to become in numbers what it is already in efficiency — one of the leaders. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 74. D. J. Johnson Camp, Cohoes, has 39 members on the roster, all of whom are in good standing. This is a gain of six since the previous inspection. The Camp fund amounts to $15, and a relief fund, in the custody of the city, amounts to $300. Only three of the members are uniformed, and there is no descriptive book. Funds are deposited in the name of the Commander. Quartermaster books are not complete. Looks like a bit of brushing up all along the line would help put some more "pep" in No. 74. Conditions fair; prospects should be very good if the boys will only get busy.

No. 78. Hudson B. Moore Camp, Newburgh, has 84 members, all in good standing, a loss of five since the last inspection. Funds amount to $96.99, and the property value is $1,500. Sixty-one of the Comrades are uniformed. The Camp disbursed $150 for relief during the year. Quartermaster is bonded for $100 only. This Camp has shown lots of initiative and energy in obtaining a permanent home from which they derive a revenue from rentals, as well as the satisfaction of having their own quarters. The Camp is a credit to the Order, and its members are O. K. in every way, barring their reluctance to accept a detail as District Inspector. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 80. Captain Malcolm Rafferty Camp, Long Island City, has 43 on its roster, all in good standing. This is a loss of three since the previous inspection. The funds amount to $40.47, and the property is valued at $230. Thirty-two of the Comrades are uniformed, which is a very good percentage. Conditions and prospects very good.

No. 81. Sergeant Charles Smith Camp, somewhere in Mexico. This is a colored service Camp, the membership being made up of men in the 24th U. S. Infantry, which regiment returned from the Philippines about the beginning of the year, and were stationed in the Presidio, San Francisco. I wrote the Commander in March with the idea of effecting the inspection, but even while the letter was enroute the regiment started for the border, and, as already indicated, are now in active service chasing the somewhat elusive Pancho. It goes without saying that wherever they are they'll be a credit to the flag and to our Order.

No. 83. Lockport Camp, Lockport, has a membership of 30, all in good standing. This is a gain of one since the last inspection. The treasury has the comfortable sum of $297 and the property represents $400 more. Fifty per cent. of the members are uniformed. All the officers have committed the ritual to memory, and the system of keeping the accounts is very good. Due to the energy and initiative of the Commander and officers, the Camp is experiencing a big boom. New quarters, which also serves as a club house, and meetings twice a month instead of once. There are only five eligibles left in or around Lockport, and they might as well sign up right away and have it over, because No. 83 is sure going to get them. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 84. Major-General George F. Elliott Camp, Brooklyn, has 60 members on its roster, 59 of them being in good standing. This is a loss of 15 since the preceding inspection. The treasury has $80 stowed away for safe keeping. The entire Camp is uniformed. Membership in No. 84 is confined to men who have served in the Marine Corps. Esprit de corps is notably present here and tends to make the Camp a valuable unit of the Order. On occasions of parade or public ceremonies, Elliott Camp is very much to the fore with their brilliant red and gold striped uniforms, reflecting credit alike on themselves and the U. S. W. V. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 85. West Point Camp, West Point, has a membership of 120, of which number all but six are in good standing. This is a gain of one over the inspection of last year. All the members of the Camp are uniformed. The treasury is in very comfortable

circumstances with $402.52, and the property value amounts to $200. The ritual is committed and the books and records are well kept. Meetings are characterized by manifest interest and intelligent debate. This is a service Camp and the report shows that it is in a flourishing condition. The Commander, officers and members are enthusiastic boosters for all and everything that means progress for the Order. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 86. Col. John G. Butler Camp, Syracuse. No report of inspection was received for this Camp. The Comrade originally assigned to make the inspection was necessitated to ask to be relieved, and took occasion at the same time to recommend a Past Commander of his Camp who evinced willingness to perform the duty. Having been duly authorized, this Comrade must have promptly submerged, because I heard nothing from him, good, bad or indifferent.

No. 87. Foreign Service Camp, New York City, had 35 members on its roster at the time of inspection, and it is safe to say that they will have double that number a year hence or before. Their charter was issued last September to 27 members, who from the Commander down to the latest recruit are imbued with the idea of sending No. 87 up to within striking distance of the leaders in a hurry. An instance of their get-there-a-tiveness was the winning of the prize for the highest percentage of recruits at the March reception to the Commander-in-Chief. Their meetings are spirited and the muster-in ceremonies are marked by several pleasing innovations. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 89. General Joe Wheeler Camp, New York City, has a membership of 40, of which number 36 are in good standing. Since the last semi-annual report they gained one by muster and four by reinstatement. Last year the membership was 55, with 44 in good standing. Twenty-two of the Comrades are uniformed. The treasury balance amounts to $92.22 and the property to $240. The report indicates that the Camp is doing some better than holding its own. Conditions and prospects very good.

No. 90. Admiral William P. Potter Camp, Whitehall, has 35 on its roster, 21 members being in good standing. Last year the membership was 37, with 29 in good standing. Very poor field for recruiting, and they do well to hold their own. The treasury

department acknowledges $16.35 and the property value is $200. Outstanding liabilities amount to $5. Eighteen Comrades are uniformed, a very good showing. The Camp has applied to the authorities of Washington county for relief for destitute Comrades and families and were refused. Conditions and prospects good.

No. 91. Abraham Lincoln Camp, New York City, has a membership of 176, of which number 151 are in good standing. The membership last year was 234, with 165 in good standing. Going back a bit. The treasury balance amounts to $262.95, and the property valued at $500. Outstanding liabilities amount to $40. The entire Camp is uniformed. The membership of the Camp is made up of employees of the police, fire and other bureaus of the municipal government, and with the right men out in front to set the pace should be second to none in the Department. Conditions good and prospects bright if they get a committee on acceleration working.

No. 92. Empire City Camp, Brooklyn, has a membership of 20, all in good standing. They show no gains or losses since the inspection of a year ago. The treasury has a balance to the good of $11.66, and the property is valued at $25. Ten members of the Camp are uniformed. Eighteen members are reported as attending the inspection, which is an excellent showing. The ritual is not memorized. Conditions fair, and if they'd get more than their periscope above water the prospects ought to be very good.

No. 93. Sixty-ninth Regiment Camp, New York City, has on its roster 68 Comrades, all in good standing. This is a gain of two over the last inspection and a gain of one by muster and two by reinstatement since the last semi-annual report. The treasury has $113.75, and the property is valued at $150. Only eight of the Comrades are uniformed, which suggests sixty good prospects for sartorial attentions. Everything else is in excellent shape. Commendation is due No. 93 for the class of entertainment they furnish at their annual smoker. Good clean fun and well contested bouts by knights of the big mitts and a most refreshing absence of the disgustingly vulgar and obscene stunts that are in many instances mistakingly thought to be necessary at such functions. Conditions and prospects in this Camp are excellent.

No. 94. General Stephen Moffit Camp, Plattsburg, has 19 members on the roster, all of whom are in good standing. This is

a loss of twenty since the inspection of a year ago. The treasury has $30 and the property is reported at $250. None of the members are uniformed. This Camp suffered a big slump during the year, the Adjutant and books both disappearing at the same time, but at a meeting held during last April a new Commander was elected, and it is probable that the Camp has taken on a new lease of life. Conditions fair; prospects good.

No. 95. Crispus Attucks Camp, New York City, has 13 members, all in good standing. This is a loss of two since the previous inspection. There are no funds in bank, and the property is valued at $25. This is a colored Camp that has met and conquered reverses in the past and under the new and energetic Commander and officers bids fair to demonstrate that No. 95 can both come back and go ahead. Conditions and prospects good.

No. 96. Captain M. W. Marvin Camp, Walton, has 47 members on its roster, all in good standing. This is a gain of five over the previous inspection. The treasury has $35.41, and the property is valued at $10. Two of the Comrades are uniformed, which calls for some action. This is another Camp whose membership is entitled to commendation for their efforts in maintaining their organization. Many of them live miles from the Camp headquarters and attend the meetings at a sacrifice of time and money. To accomplish the inspection took two days and one night of the District Inspector's time and an expenditure of $4.92. Conditions and prospects of this Camp are excellent.

No. 98. Col. John Jacob Astor Camp, New York City, has a membership of 58, all of whom are in good standing. This is the same number reported at the inspection of a year ago. The treasury funds amount to $88.73, and the property is valued at $500. The entire Camp is uniformed, an excellent showing, indeed. The ritual is memorized. Funds are not kept in bank. The membership of the Camp is exclusively postal employees, and it is a loyal, hustling and very useful unit of the Order. The Camp has the habit of being on hand and in force when Camps are wanted on hand and in force. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 99. Col. A. L. Kline Camp, Brooklyn, has a membership of 45 in good standing. This is a gain of five over the previous inspection. The treasury has a balance in the right direction of

$67.77, and the property is valued at $500. Twenty-five of the Comrades are uniformed. Ritual not memorized. The muster fee is $5 and the dues $3. This Camp has shown its ability to advance at better than the normal rate, the muster fee considered, since its inception in April, 1915, with 35 charter members. Conditions, other than ritualistic, excellent; prospects are likewise.

No. 100. Col. Garland N. Whistler Camp, Fort Totten, Long Island, has on its roster 81 Comrades, all of whom are in good standing. This is a gain of 44 over the number reported at the last inspection, the greatest increase in the Department during the year. They have $79.78 in the treasury, and the property is valued at $150. All the Comrades of the Camp are uniformed. The Quartermaster is not bonded. This is a service Camp and for genuine devotion to the highest ideals of comradeship is the peer of any Camp in the Order. The Camp was instituted in March, 1915, and since that time its progress has been phenomenal. An instance of interest in the cause was the winning of the prize for the largest percentage of members parading at the reception to the Commander-in-Chief. Their memorial service is now an annual event, obtaining wide newspaper publicity. Conditions and prospects excellent.

No. 101. Col. C. W. Williams Camp, Highland Falls, has 26 on its roster, 23 of whom are in good standing. This Camp was organized last October with 23 charter members. The funds amount to $13.31 and there are outstanding liabilities amounting to $5. The property is valued at $5, a modest figure. For some reason No. 101 has not enjoyed the smoothest of sledding for some time back, but the report of the District Inspector is to the effect that from now on a change for the better can reasonably be anticipated. Officers and members will buckle to their work and require only a little time to show improvement. Conditions fair and prospects, hinging on a liberal inoculation of ginger, very good.

No. 102. Col. Robert C. Van Vliet Camp, Fort Slocum, Long Island, was instituted in May last by National Aide Wm. C. Snyder.

No. 103. Milton R. Wheeler Camp, Bath, was instituted in April of this year.

No. 104. Peekskill Camp was instituted in June last.

No. 105. Norwich Camp, commission issued.

Rating of Camps

Excellent plus: 1, 3, 4, 12, 24, 59, 73, 100.

Excellent: 2, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 15, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 42, 43, 46, 48, 49, 52, 53, 62, 66, 67, 69, 78, 83, 84, 85, 87, 93, 96, 98, 99.

Very good: 6, 16, 20, 29, 40, 44, 45, 58, 61, 80, 89, 91, 99.

Good: 9, 17, 30, 31, 47, 71, 72, 74, 90, 92, 95.

Fair: 9, 101.

Not inspected: 32, 56, 60, 81, 86, 102, 103, 104, 105.

The 77 Camps inspected show a membership of 6,191, of which number 6,021 are in good standing. Last year, with 85 Camps inspected, the membership was 6,527, of whom 6,114 were in good standing. The number gained this year by muster was 216, against 378 last year. The loss by suspension was 59, against 352, report of last year. The loss by death was 17 for this year, and last year 57 were reported.

Cash on hand for this year is $22,892.10. Last year, 83 Camps reported $25,704.06, and the same number of Camps (83) the year before last, $20,766.81. The property this year is valued at $25,642, and a year ago, $25,368. Money expended for relief this year, $5,344.32; last year, $11,479.34, and the year before last, $6,299.12.

Comrades reported uniformed this year, 3,393; last year, 3,002, and the year previous to last, 2,802.

However, a fair comparison is hardly practicable when the difference in the number of Camps reported is taken into account.

I had hoped to be able to write finis to this unconsciously long report without going through the stereotyped form of making recommendations, but I am afraid there is no getting away from a bounden duty, and hope my modest contribution will not be scrapped too suddenly.

(1) Legislation of any character that will make it mandatory on all Camps in the Department to adopt the loose leaf system for

keeping Quartermaster accounts. From my personal knowledge and the reports of several of the District Inspectors, this system, as demonstrated by actual use in several of the Camps, is simple, accurate and labor saving. In fact, when you say loose leaf system you epitomize all that is good in the way of keeping accounts.

(2) That steps be taken to do away with the necessity for District Inspectors to visit Camps for the purpose of inspection that involve the use of time in excess of twelve hours or the expenditure of more than one dollar for railroad fare. That for purposes of inspection in Camps having a membership of less than one hundred Comrades in good standing, inspection report blanks and instructions be sent the Senior Past Commander of the Camp, in active membership, who will act in the capacity of a District Inspector and send the inspection report properly filled out, accompanied by a sworn deposition as to its correctness, to the Department Inspector, the Department to bear the expense of the notary fee.

Before closing I have a very pleasant duty to perform. I want to express very hearty, sincere thanks to all the District Inspectors who have so generously given of their time and money in the accomplishment of a very important work for the Order. None of the Comrades who have proven their worth so nobly sought the detail, but when called on responded in a spirit and manner calling for the highest encomiums. Special mention must be made of Comrade Chas. J. Watson, Camp No. 85, to whom nothing in connection with the work seemed too hard or impossible of accomplishment; and to Comrade C. F. Schmidt, Camp No. 33, who rendered two excellent reports and requested in good manly fashion to be relieved from further duty, but on my solicitation jumped into the first line trench again and came across with the third report in the nick of time. My hat's off to all of them. I desire also to express appreciation and thanks to the Department Adjutant and his assistants for the very courteous treatment accorded me in my relations with Department Headquarters.

Fraternally,

W. S. GOODWIN,
Department Inspector.

Consolidated Inspection Report

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS,
DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS,

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR, *June* 21, 1916.

To the Department Commander:

SIR.— I have the honor to submit the following report of inspection of Camps in the Department of New York, which I certify to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. S. GOODWIN,
Department Inspector.

1. Number of Camps in the Department, 86.
2. Number of Camps inspected, 77.
3. Number of officers present at inspection, 721.
4. Number of Comrades present at inspection, 1,891.
5. Number of Camps in good standing, 83.
6. Number of Comrades in good standing, 6,021.
7. Number of Comrades gained by Muster, 216; transfer, 41; reinstatement, 99.
8. Number of Comrades lost by suspension, 59; dropped, 9; discharge, 11; death, 17; transfer, 48.
9. Number of Camps observing Memorial Day, 75.
10. Number of Camps in which ritual work is committed, 55.
11. Number of Camps having Adjutant's records and files well kept and General Orders read, 75.
12. Number of Camps having Quartermaster's books complete and well kept, 75.
13. Number of Camps having Quartermaster bonded, 73.
14. Number of Camps having funds in bank, 65.
15. Number of Camps having funds deposited in name of Camp, 59.
16. Number of Camps having accounts audited, 75.
17. Number of Camps forwarded all reports due National Headquarters, 86; Department Headquarters, 86.
18. Number of Camps having paid all indebtedness due National Headquarters, 86; Department Headquarters, 86.

19. Number of Camps having seal, 70; set of Colors, 69; guidons, 44.
20. Number of Camps having by-laws, 70.
21. Number of Camps having charters displayed at meetings and Camp room properly equipped, 77.
22. Number of Camps free from debt, 72.
23. Average amount charged for muster fee, $2.50.
24. Average amount charged for annual dues, $3.
25. Aggregate amount received from county or city for Memorial Day, $5,276.12.

26. Total amount reported by Camps in general fund	$6,408 45	
Total amount reported by Camps in relief fund	8,076 04	
Total amount reported by Camps in other funds	8,407 61	
27. Total cash on hand		$22,892 10
28. Total value of Camp property other than cash		25,642 00
Total worth		$48,534 10
29. Total liabilities outstanding in Camps		82 00
Net worth of Camps		$48,452 10
Members	$1,651 25	
30. Amount expended for relief during year:		
Families	3,636 00	
Veterans not members	57 07	
Total	$5,344 32	

31. General condition of Camps, excellent; future prospects, excellent.
32. Number of Camps meeting in public buildings, 40.
33. Number of Camps renting halls, 37.
34. How many members of the Department are uniformed, 3,393.
35. How many Camps keep a descriptive book up to date, 72.

36. How many Camps endeavor to promote fraternalism by visiting other Camps, 68; by delegations, 50; by individual members, 68.

Instructions to District Inspectors

1. The duties, etc., of District Inspectors are prescribed on page 116 of the Rules and Regulations.

2. Excerpt from the Rules and Regulations: "C." They shall visit the Camps in their respective districts from time to time during their term and observe and report to the Department Inspector any irregularities. "D." They shall instruct the Camps and their officers in the "Ritual" and the proper routine, and endeavor by kindly advice and friendly counsel to prevent or correct abuses, to allay dissatisfaction and promote harmony.

3. District Inspectors should have a good working knowledge of the Rules and Regulations, Ritual, Book of Ceremonies and the latest National and Department Orders. He should be competent to pass judgment on the methods employed by Quartermasters in keeping their accounts, and the same applies to the work of Adjutants. These two constitute a very important phase of the inspection, and unfamiliarity with the work as it should be done by the "twin screws" or "propellors" of the Camp must prove a serious handicap to a proper inspection.

4. The Ritual work as exemplified by the officers of the Camp is also very important. An evidence of careful attention to the small details of the ceremonies by the officers might be said to be the straws that indicate the direction of the wind in any Camp. AT THE OFFICIAL INSPECTION, during April, DISTRICT INSPECTORS WILL REQUIRE AN EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE INITIATION CEREMONIES.

5. In visiting the Camps in your district ALWAYS WEAR YOUR UNIFORM. Precept is sometimes of the toy pistol caliber, while example can always be reckoned as being in the siege gun class.

6. Avoid criticisms of the carping kind. If faults there be, indicate such in a kindly way, which will probably be productive of more good than would the use of a verbal bludgeon. The practical bearing of this with reference to the future is quite clear: If you can't boost, don't knock.

Official Department Inspection

1. The Official Department Inspection must be made annually, in April.

2. District Inspectors should communicate with the Commanders of the Camps in their districts, without delay, and arrange for dates for the inspection. Such dates can be arranged to be mutually convenient, provided, however, that the official inspection be held in April.

3. Provision should be made for the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster to report at the meeting place of the Camp at least an hour before the time scheduled for the meeting to be called to order. This will permit the District Inspector examining all the records, files, books, etc., and to obtain any other information necessary. To defer this work until the meeting has been called to order would militate against the proper conduct of the meeting by the officers of the Camp, and seriously hamper the District Inspector in making a thorough inspection.

Inspection Report

1. All inspection reports must be made out in duplicate and mailed to the Department Inspector immediately upon the completion of the inspection. *Don't wait until all the Camps in your district are inspected; having finished the inspection of a Camp, complete the report and mail it at once. Then tackle the next and do likewise.*

2. All the questions carried by the inspection report have to be answered — *all of them.*

3. Require that all books, papers, files, receipts, etc., be submitted for your personal inspection.

4. Questions 11 and 12 should be verified with documentary evidence. Question 14, see the receipt without fail. Question 15, get an impression of the seal on your reports. Question 32, look the Descriptive Book over very carefully. Question 34, credit the camp for all functions, patriotic or social, conducted under its auspices, whereat the general public were in attendance; all such redound to the benefit of the Order. Question 35, credit the Camp for all laudatory newspaper publicity they have received; judge the necessity of a press committee; look over style of the meet-

ing notices and give voice to the idea that money spent on attractive notices is money well spent. Question 36, look up if Camp records show motion passed for delegation to visit another Camp; see if Visitors' Book is kept up to date.

5. Both National and Department Headquarters expect full and explicit answer to the question "State methods of recruiting new Comrades that has given the best results." This question is found under the caption "Remarks," on the brief fold of the Inspection Report, and is deserving of your best efforts in the way of furnishing accurate information.

6. On the back of the Inspection Report, under Roster of Camp Officers, will be found space provided for your recommendation as to the rating that in your opinion the Camp should receive. EXCELLENT, GOOD AND FAIR are, to my way of thinking, the qualifying terms best calculated to indicate the differences between the activities, etc., of the Camps. If a Camp has paid its per capita tax, even if it has naught else to its credit, the fact remains that an organization is maintained and there is always a chance that it may improve. Therefore, I would suggest "fair" as being the minimum to be recommended. However, the District Inspector is the man at the front; he knows the conditions, and it will not be the policy of this office to make any change in the rating recommended, except such found to be utterly at variance with the answers on the face of the report.

Good of the Order — Remarks by District Inspector

It is important that you take up the matter of the questions asked in the Inspection Report with the Camps in your district and explain them fully and frequently. Recruiting in particular should receive a lot of attention in your remarks, both extensive and intensive, and by the latter I mean any efforts that are devoted to bringing back those who for various reasons have deserted the Order. Not less than five minutes of every talk you give should be devoted to HARMONY, in Camp, in committee and encampment, the elimination of the personal equation for the benefit of the whole, should be the burden of your talk while on this subject; first, last and all the time, the will of the majority to rule whenever or wherever United Spanish War Veterans foregather.

A Last Word

If there is anything in connection with the questions contained in the Inspection Report or these instructions that is not quite clear, it will afford me a whole lot of pleasure to hear from you on the matter, and between us we should be able to get it right. Kindly remember to mail your reports at the completion of each inspection, and also remember to *sign each report in all places provided for your signature. If for any reason you find that you will not be able to make the inspections assigned you, kindly notify me at once.*

Wishing you the greatest possible success in your work.

Fraternally,

W. S. GOODWIN,
Department Inspector.

Report of Senior Vice-Department Commander

TROY, N. Y., *June* 1, 1916.

FRANK S. SIDWAY, *Commander United Spanish War Veterans, Department of New York:*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE.— In accordance with your orders I hereby submit my report as Senior Vice-Commander of the Department of New York for the term ending July 5, 1916.

Having been installed as the Senior Vice-Department Commander at Utica, immediately thereafter I resolved to give my best efforts in having the administration one of the best that the Department has had and also to give untiring support to the Department Commander, and by doing so I believe I have fulfilled my oath.

My first work, and one that every Comrade in the Department was interested in, was to attend the committee hearings upon our preference bill before the constitutional convention at Albany on July 12. The delegation from this district had promised me their support on our bill, and they lived up to their promise and did everything in their power to push the bill along.

On August 7, 1915, I attended the picnic and field day of Captain Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp No. 28 at Albany, and

talked to the Comrades in regard to the matters that are of interest to all veterans.

On August 25th, I again attended the session of the constitutional convention with Chairman James S. Long of the Legislative Committee, and assisted in canvassing the different delegates who were known to be opposed to our bill.

On August 30–31 and September 1–2, 1915, I attended the National Encampment at Scranton, Pa., and gave what assistance the Department Commander called for. There were many matters taken up at this Encampment, and if it is possible the Comrades of this Department should be supplied with a copy of the proceedings.

On September 15, 1915, I attended the final hearing on our bill by the constitutional convention, and although our bill met defeat by being held up in the committee and not brought before the delegates, there was plenty of pressure brought to bear. To me, the loss of this measure was a hard blow, but like all true soldiers the committee did not give way to personal feelings, but resolved to bide their time at some future date.

On Labor Day, September 6, in company with the Department Band and Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp of Albany, I attended Old Home Week at Valatie, where the Spanish War Veterans were given a royal welcome.

On September 29, in accordance with the directions of the Department Commander, I journeyed to Cohoes and presented to Commander Collin, of David J. Johnson Camp No. 74, the gold jewel awarded for the largest number of recruits for the year 1914–1915. The Camp was very much pleased with winning this prize and during the exercises the Comrades who spoke stated that they were not going to let up with the work already accomplished but would continue along the same lines.

On October 27 I attended the testimonial banquet to Past Commander James S. Long at Imperial Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y. It is not necessary to go into details in regard to the wonderful work that this Comrade has accomplished, but I cannot let this go by without paying my respects to one of the best men in this Department. Comrade Long has labored faithfully for this Department and has never been known to let any personal interests interfere

with what he thought would be of interest and benefit to Comrades of the Department of New York. He has at all times been an indefatigible worker and it is to be hoped that the Department will always have such good men to look after its affairs as Past Commander James S. Long has in regard to legislative matters.

On November 19, the funeral train bearing the remains of our beloved Chaplain, Rev. William Henry Ironsides Reaney, arrived in Albany, and as soon as I had been notified of the time of arrival I had the Commanders of M. D. Russell Camp No. 2, Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp No. 28 and David J. Johnson Camp No. 74 assemble their Comrades at the depot in Albany, and there I took charge and we gave the full ritual service, the Department Chief Musician sounding taps at the conclusion. In the death of Father Reaney this Department, and every Comrade therein, loses a friend that can never be replaced. Father Reaney was one of the finest men that ever stood upon God's green footstool, and the many deeds of charity, the many little kindnesses, the numerous and unknown people who have benefited by his acts, are something that will stand as a monument to his memory for all time. I always regarded Father Reaney as a personal friend, and it would be impossible for me to place on record the many deeds of kindness that Father Reaney accomplished, but his death has been a severe blow to us all.

On January 5, 1916, I installed the officers of Frank R. Palmer Camp No. 28 at Albany.

On January 13 I installed the officers of R. D. Russell Camp No. 2 at Troy.

January 14 I attended the installation of officers of General Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11 at Schenectady, and spoke on the Department work.

January 26 I installed the officers of David J. Johnson Camp No. 74 at Cohoes.

February 3 I installed the officers of Admiral William P. Potter Camp No. 90 at Whitehall.

At the request of the chairman of the Veterans' Defense League I attended the hearings given at Albany by the Senate and Assembly committees in regard to our bill for preference for war veterans. The Senator and Assemblymen from my district supported our bill nobly, and although the bill met defeat in the committee

on rules, we do not regard this as a lost measure. The bill was passed by the Senate unanimously, and we had 120 votes on the floor of the Assembly. The reason for the defeat of this measure will be given by others. My Senator and Assemblymen assured me of their support and carried out their promises. Undoubtedly many other Senators and Assemblymen have given like promises to other Comrades. And what must be their thoughts when they get word that Comrades who owe unrepayable debts to this Department have written to the speaker of the Assembly and asked him not to report the bill out of committee? This is the kind of work that is not doing this Department any good and should be stopped.

On March 4, 1916, I paid a visit to the Department Commander at Buffalo and also to the Department Headquarters.

On March 29 I attended the dinner at the Hotel Breslin to Commander-in-Chief Dyer, and the next day, March 30, attended the annual muster at the Ninth Regiment Armory and participated in the services. This was a grand affair and should be carried out every year, as it brings Comrades together and tends to promote better comradeship.

On April 26 I attended the muster day at Schenectady, under the auspices of General Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11. This muster was one of the finest ever carried out in this Department. The speakers were men of ability and are prominent in the commercial history of this State and the remarks made by these men opened the eyes of Comrades. Their main theme was "Preparedness," and told of the wonderful work accomplished by our organization. I only wish that I could secure copies of the addresses made at Schenectady, as they would be of untold value to us.

On May 13 I took part in the Preparedness parade in New York City. Our organization was well represented and elicited favorable comments all along the line of march.

On May 2 I attended the presentation of State medals by Major James J. Hogan to the Comrades of Warren A. Wilson Camp No. 9, at Glens Falls, and was royally received by the Comrades. This Camp is a live one and doing good work for the members of this Department.

May 3 I attended the inspection of General Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11.

May 9 I attended inspection of Captain Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp No. 28 at Albany.

May 10 attended inspection of Hon. Stephen Sanford Camp No. 8 at Amsterdam.

May 13 paid an official visit to Manhattan Camp No. 1, New York City. This Camp is doing good work for the Department, and the reception tendered to me was very flattering.

May 20 I attended the foundation of our newest Camp, Col. Robert E. Van Vliet Camp No. 102, and had the honor of acting as master of ceremonies to Past Department Inspector William Snyder, who was the mustering officer. This Camp started off with 28 Comrades and from present indications it will be one of the live wires of our Department.

May 28 I attended the military mass at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and acted as grand marshal of the parade. This mass is held every Memorial Sunday at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and Comrades who have not been fortunate to attend should try to do so next year. The mass was celebrated by one of our Comrades, Rev. Father Chidwick of the battleship Maine. The sermon preached by the Rev. Father Chidwick was one of the grandest I have ever had the pleasure of hearing. These services are held under the auspices of Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, to whom much credit should be given.

On May 30 I acted as marshal of the Spanish War division of the Memorial Day parade in Troy, and the Department Band, Camp Palmer of Albany, Camp Griffin of Schenectady, Camp Johnson of Cohoes and Admiral Potter Camp of Whitehall had large representations in line. There were at least 400 Spanish War Veterans in line and the impression made upon the citizens of this city will be of untold value. The action of the Albany, Schenectady, Cohoes and Whitehall Camps in taking part with M. D. Russell Camp was deeply appreciated by the local veterans.

On June 4 memorial services were held at Fort Totten for the unknown dead, under the auspices of Colonel Charles S. Whistler Camp No. 100. This Camp is composed entirely of men who are now in the service of Uncle Sam, and when one stops to consider the wonderful work that this Camp is doing and the way things are carried on, the Comrades in Greater New York, and in fact all over the State, should make an effort to be present at the next

service. The lesson to be learned will be well worth whatever cost may be attached to it. It is something every member of this Department should witness, and I hope other Camps throughout the State will adopt measures along this line.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Department Commander personally for the many favors and courtesies he has extended to me, and to the Department officers, Camp officers, Past Commanders and Comrades. I desire to extend my thanks for the honors which have been extended to me in electing me to the office of Senior Vice-Department Commander. There have been many duties to perform and much expense attached thereto, but whatever it has been I have been only too glad to give, as I realize that to get our Order at its proper place work and money must be expended. The past year has been a successful one, and the Department Commander has hard problems to solve, but he has been able to meet all cases without causing any friction. Let us from now on go out resolved to accomplish the greatest good for this Department. No Comrade should hold back. Unless we stand shoulder to shoulder we will not gain our point. And every true soldier knows how to act.

Again thanking you and the Comrades, and hoping we will be able to have a bigger and better Department, I have the honor to remain,

Yours in F., P. and H.,

GEORGE W. McCUNE,

Senior Vice-Department Commander,

Troy, N. Y.

Report of Junior Vice-Department Commander

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., *June* 22, 1916.

To the Thirteenth Annual Encampment, Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans:

Pursuant to the rules and regulations, I submit the following report as Junior Vice-Commander for the term ending July 3, 1916:

The very exacting duties of my profession, which have multiplied since my election, have prevented me from taking as active

a part in the service of the Department as I should like to have done.

I have, however, at all times done everything in my power to further the interests of the Spanish War Veterans, by urging favorable legislation, both in Albany and Washington.

I have written several letters to Comrades at Ithaca and Cortlandt, N. Y., with an idea of getting a Camp started at both of these places, but I am sorry to state that the prospects all failed.

As chairman of a committee appointed by the Commander of Thomas H. Barber Camp No. 3 to erect a suitable monument to the memory of veterans of the Spanish-American War, I have given a great deal of time to this project, and hope that within the next few months that this $15,000 monument will be erected on the Court House Square in Binghamton, N. Y.

I have answered all correspondence promptly that came to me as Junior Vice. My occupation has denied me the privilege of visiting many Camps in the Department that I expected to visit when elected.

As Supreme Secretary of the Military Order of the Serpent, I have written thousands of letters, and I have always taken advantage of every opportunity when writing to boost the U. S. W. V., not only in this Department, but every department of the U. S. W. V.

My not being able to travel has not lessened my interest in the U. S. W. V. My activities will not cease when my term ends as Junior Vice, but will continue to grow in the years to come as they have in years past.

In conclusion, I thank you for the confidence reposed in me as Junior Vice-Department Commander, and trust that our Department will continue to grow, and cause its membership to feel proud of it as the second largest and most patriotic organization in the State.

I beg to remain,

Yours, in F., P. and H.,

WILLIAM T. HUNT,

Junior Vice-Department Commander.

From THOMAS E. BOYD, *Department Judge Advocate.*

To FRANK S. SIDWAY, *Department Commander, U. S. W. V., Department of New York.*

Subject: Annual Report.

Herewith I hand you my report of the year as the Judge Advocate of this Department by your appointment:

As chairman of the Legislative Committee, the Judge Advocate has been in correspondence with the Treasurer of the War Veterans' Defense Legion, Comrade James J. Long, and with other members of the committee relative to the passage of the concurrent resolution of the Senate and Assembly to amend section 9, article 5 of the State Constitution so as to provide a preference in appointment and promotion after having passed the competitive examination in the civil service employment of the State and cities, to veterans of the war with Spain and in the Philippine Insurrection, who were residents of the State of New York at the time of their enlistment. Several circulars were formulated and mailed to all the Camps in the State and the resolution passed the Senate but was defeated in the Committee of the Assembly. A large number of Spanish War Veterans, not members of the Order, threw their influence against the bill and were responsible in great degree for its failure in the Assembly.

I have had considerable correspondence from officers of Camps about questions of a local nature, such as proposed trials by court martial of members of local Camps; in nearly all of which the proposed proceedings were doomed or are still pending, for which reason it would be unfair to make them public at this time. Copies of correspondence relating to these affairs and questions have been preserved and will be turned over to my successor in office for his information in case the matters are brought to his attention.

There were also letters of local Camp officers containing interpretations of article 8 of the Code of Discipline, section 2 of article 3 of the Rules and Regulations, section 1 of article 1, sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of article 1, sections 1 and 2 of article 15; also rulings as to Parliamentary Practice on amendments.

There are also letters bearing upon eligibility for honorary membership, in which are given interpretations of sections 2 and 3

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of article 3 as amended. Interpretations of section 4, Part 5, article 8, and of section 10 of said article are also given.

The remainder of the work of the Judge Advocate for the year was of a routine nature, such as approving by-laws and the like.

In conclusion, I desire to make a suggestion, which is, that the letters and reports of the Judge Advocate be preserved by each encumbent of the office and turned over to his successor. They cannot fail to be of service and may in many instances be an important history of the events passed upon. The preservation of such records will enable each future Judge Advocate to learn what was done by his predecessor in similar cases.

THOMAS E. BOYD,
Department Judge Advocate.

Department Surgeon's Report

124 AUDUBON AVENUE,
NEW YORK CITY, *June* 20, 1916.

Department Adjutant, Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, Buffalo, N. Y.:

SIR.— I have the honor to submit the following report as Department Surgeon, Department of New York, United Spanish War Veterans, for the period from July 8, 1915, to June 20, 1916:

I have not received a single report from any Camp Surgeon in this Department, although notice was given in the June Bulletin.

During my period of service I have been able to help a number of Comrades professionally, and I have been more than glad of the opportunity.

One case of a destitute Comrade was brought to my attention, the Comrade being a patient in Harlem Hospital, dying of tuberculosis. The case was reported to the Camp by friends, to which the man was supposed to be attached, but he was not in good standing and the camp did not see fit to take any action.

I visited the Comrade at the request of Comrade Dawkins, chairman of Manhattan Borough M. and E. Committee, but found he was dying, and did die a few days later. I wish here to express my appreciation of the services offered and rendered by Comrade Dawkins, who would have had the Comrade referred to placed in

a military hospital if his condition would have permitted his being moved.

In civil service examinations, especially Federal, a medical certificate is required, and there are cases where our Comrades cannot easily afford the required fee of one or two dollars; I have been and am glad to make such examinations free of charge for needy Comrades, and I feel certain that my professional Comrades would do the same if the matter were brought to their attention.

In conclusion, I desire to thank my Comrades for the support which has been given me during my term of office and ask for the next Department Surgeon the same hearty support and co-operation.

Very respectfully,

MELVILLE A. HAYES, M. D.,
Department of New York, U. S. W. V.,
Department Surgeon.

Report of Department Historian

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 21, 1916.

I have no report as Department Historian, having received no reports from Camp Historians except Capt. Frank R. Palmer Camp No. 28, Albany, N. Y.

DR. GARRETT V. JOHNSON.

Report of Department Musician

ALBANY, N. Y., *June* 17, 1916.

FRANK S. SIDWAY, *Department Commander:*

No. 1. We have now on our records a list of seventy-two members who are musicians and who, when possible, will attend Department Encampments.

No. 2. The Band Constitution Committee, consisting of Comrades Ehmann, Clark and Sanford, who were appointed by the Band President, have the Constitution completed, and same will be presented for adoption, by the Band, at the Saratoga Springs Encampment, July 4, 1916.

W. Elmore Slack, Department Musician

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No. 3. The first district of the Department Band, consisting of the Camps in the Capitol district, which are Albany, Cohoes, Hudson, Schenectady and Troy, has been thoroughly organized, and have played at the following engagements during the past year:

Veterans' Reunion parade, Valatie, October; parade and concert at reception given Department Commander Sidway, Troy, January; Boys' Conference parade, Albany, January; Annual Muster Night, concert, Albany, April; Snakes' parade before annual ball, Albany, May; Memorial Sunday parade and services at Graceland Cemetery, Albany, May; Memorial Day parade, Albany, May; Memorial Day parade, Troy, May; concert on boat to and from Troy, Memorial Day, May; Preparedness Day parade, Schenectady, June.

No. 4. Owing to the difficulty which our Encampment Committee has had in raising funds we will not be able to have as large an attendance of the Department Band at the Encampment as we expected, because of the fact that many of our Comrades are not in a financial condition whereby they can afford to lose the time and pay their own expenses as well, and I believe it would be an advantage to our Department, in some way, provide ways and means whereby the officers of the Department Band would know at least six months before the Encampment that the entire expenses of their men would be paid.

Yours in F., P. and H.,

W. ELMORE SLACK.

Report of Committee on Extension of the Order

NEW YORK CITY, *June* 19, 1916.

To the Department Commander:

SIR AND COMRADE.— Shortly after receiving the appointment as chairman of this committee I communicated with all the members of the committee asking them to submit their ideas on recruiting and dropped and suspended membership. Many very excellent ideas were forthcoming, but while awaiting replies to my communications I learned that the National Chief of Staff had

been authorized to start a propoganda throughout the country with special attention to the Department of New York, expenses of same to be borne by the National Headquarters.

I therefore did not call a meeting of the committee, but turned over to the National Chief of Staff the various suggestions I had received.

Many of the ideas advanced by members of the committee involved expense which I thought could be stood by National Headquarters better than by the Department of New York. An appropriation of $200 by the Encampment at Utica was authorized, but in view of the state of our finances I deemed it inadvisable to use any of the funds so appropriated.

Respectfully submitted in F., P. and H.,

C. P. SHINN,
Chairman.

Department Patriotic Instructor's Report

NEW YORK, *June* 30, 1916.

To Department Adjutant:

During the past year I have visited a number of the Camps and communicated with others, urging support of the Preparedness propaganda.

The one noteworthy patriotic effort of the Camps of Greater New York was the monster rally in the Ninth Regiment Armory in aid of the Preparedness campaign.

Fraternally,

GERALD J. O'KEEFE,
Department Patriotic Instructor.

Report of Chief of Staff

NEW YORK, N. Y., *June* 21, 1916.

To the Department Commander:

SIR AND COMRADE.— It has not been customary for Department Chief of Staff to submit a report, as his duties are more or less honorary, but the position this year has required a larger activity, because of the fact that the Department Commander has given me

duties to perform that would ordinarily fall upon him were his headquarters in the lower portion of the State.

Upon the death of our beloved Department Chaplain, Rev. Father Reaney, I, by your direction, issued orders through the daily press, for the assemblage of our Comrades to attend the high mass at the cathedral in New York City, November 20, 1915. About 200 Comrades responded to the call. The services were most impressive, the sermon being delivered by the Very Rev. Father Chidwick. Upon completion of the services the body was escorted by a detachment of U. S. marines and sailors and the U. S. W. V. to the Grand Central station. The pall bearers were:

P. N. C. Maurice Simmons, P. D. C. William Jones, P. C. B. J. Fagan, P. C. James S. Long, Comrade J. J. Farrell, Comrade Frank McVeigh, P. N. C. Lynch, P. D. C. Wall, P. C. Daly, P. C. R. M. Mackin, Comrade E. R. Johns.

P. C. Daly and P. C. Alfred Kennedy accompanied the body of our Chaplain to Detroit as a guard of honor.

I have visited twenty-four Camps and attended fifteen social functions during the year. I installed the officers of Camps Nos. 19 and 43.

Our organization took part in the great Citizens' Parade on May 13th, and was the only organized body, uniformed or otherwise, except the State Guard, in the line. Considering that, because of absence from the city, I only had eight days to prepare and get our Comrades together, we made a remarkable showing, having 1,890 men in line, headed by the Department Commander and staff.

We had for music the Department Field Music and the Field Music of Hubbell Camp No. 4, and with the colors of some thirty-eight Camps massed at the head of the column we made a picture that gave us the applause of multitudes lining the sidewalks from curb to house.

In closing my report, I wish to state that I communicated with all the government departments located in New York City and also all of the borough presidents and department heads of Greater New York, requesting that leave of absence be granted to all delegates from the 2d of July to the 6th, inclusive, and have received favorable answers to my request from all of the above.

In conclusion, I desire to express my appreciation for the honor you have accorded me by appointing me your Chief of Staff, and I trust the duties assigned to me have been performed to the satisfaction of yourself and the Comrades I have come in contact with.

Respectfully submitted in F., P. and H.,

C. P. SHINN,

Chief of Staff.

Report of Department Quartermaster

BUFFALO, *June* 26, 1916.

To the Officers and Delegates, Thirteenth Annual Encampment. United Spanish War Veterans:

I have the honor to submit my report, commencing July 1, 1915, and ending June 26, 1916:

Receipts

Received from past administration	$989 52
	19 45
Of this amount $770.922 was due National Headquarters for per capita tax due July 1, 1915.	
National and Department per capita tax	1,223 44
Supplies	738 05
Total	$2,970 46

Disbursements

Supplies National Headquarters	$401 53
National per capita tax	770 92
Printing and stenographer fees	202 40
Legislative Committee past administration	143 47
Expenses Department Commander, National Encampment	85 32
Postage (including postage on supplies) and telegrams	50 35
Transportation for delegates-at-large to Scranton, Pa	11 60
Office supplies	3 90
Encampment badges at Scranton, Pa	2 75
Expressage, including expressage at Utica, N. Y	17 93
Miscellaneous	40 00
Total	$1,730 17

William C. Strauss, Department Quartermaster

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Recapitulation

Total receipts	$2,970 46
Total disbursements	1,730 17
Balance	$1,240 29

Receipts

National and Department per capita tax	$558 18
Supplies	527 25
Charter fee	30 00
Total	$1,115 43

Disbursements

National per capita tax	$768 83
Supplies National Headquarters	331 29
Printing, stenographer and clerical fees	378 25
Report proceedings at Utica	187 00
Charter fee National Headquarters	15 00
Expenses Department and District Inspectors	22 59
Department Chaplain Father Reaney's funeral	18 88
Maine Monument wreath	10 00
Preparedness parade, New York City	11 98
Office supplies	10 07
Telegrams	8 19
Postage, including postage on supplies and rosters	99 63
Miscellaneous	22 18
Total	$1,883 89

Recapitulation

Balance on hand February 1, 1916	$1,240 29
Receipts to June 26, 1916	1,115 43
Total	$2,355 72
Disbursements	1,883 89
Balance June 26, 1916	$471 83

Supplies on Hand July 26, 1916

4 Rituals at 50c	$2 00
1 Electrotype, 1¼ in. long, at 50c	50
1 Electrotype, 2⅝ in. long, at 50c	50
7 Pads, Due Notices, at 30c	2 10
2 Pads, Delinquent Notices, at 30c	60
2 Quartermaster's Report Blanks at $1.00	2 00
1 Transfer Blank at 20c	20

11	Honorable discharges at 5c	$0 55
5	Leave of Absence Cards at 5c	25
8	Draft Books (Order on Q. M.) at 60c	4 80
7	Receipt Books (Visiting Card Cases) at 60c	4 20
5	Cap Ornaments at 75c	3 75
2	Lapel Buttons (Maine metal) at 25c	50
11	Miniature Membership Badges at 60c	6 60
1	Honorary Membership Badge at 75c	75
9	Membership Badges at 10c	90
21	Uniform Buttons at 75c	75
42	Officers' Ribbons, Camp, at 20c	8 40
2	Officers' National at 20c	40
1	Officers' Department at 20c	20
2	Chaplain Rank Straps at 55c	1 10
1	Commander Rank Strap at 55c	55
2	S. V. Commander Rank Straps at 55c	1 10
5	Patriotic Instructors' Rank Straps at 55c	2 75
1	Historian's Rank Strap at 55c	55
2	Surgeons' Rank Straps at 55c	1 10
3	Officer Day Rank Straps at 55c	1 65
2	Officer Guard Rank Straps at 55c	1 10
3	Sergeant Major Rank Straps at 55c	1 65
3	Quartermaster Sergeant Rank Straps at 55c	1 65
3	Color Sergeants' Rank Straps at 55c	1 65
2	Chief Musicians' Rank Straps at 55c	1 10
3	National Aide-de-Camp Rank Straps at 80c	2 40
2	Adjutants' Rank Straps at 80c	1 60
3	Quartermasters' Rank Straps at 80c	2 40
3	District Inspectors' Rank Straps at 80c	2 40
1	Department Historian's Rank Strap at 80c	80
	Total	$64 95

Special Account

From the Mutual Aid Association, New York City	$26 00

Balance June 26, 1916	$471 83
Receipts for per capita tax to July 5, 1916	968 34
Total	$1,440 17

Grand total July 5, 1916	$1,440 17
Disbursements from June 26 to July 5, 1916	588 93
Balance	$851 24

Department Property

1 Department Seal.	1 Paper File.
1 Department Flag.	1 Filing Cabinet (Card Index).
1 American Flag.	(1 National.)
12 Letter Files.	2 Ledgers (1 Department).

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. STRAUSS,
Department Quartermaster.

Adjutant's Report

To the Department Commander:

I was recalled from Military School at Peekskill to duty with my regiment and have not had opportunity to prepare the usual report of the Department Adjutant.

However, I understand that the reports of the various Department officers will pretty well cover the ground.

I extend to all the other Department officers my thanks for their courtesy, kindness and unfailing assistance all through the year.

I greatly regret that I am unable to be at Saratoga to meet again with all my Comrades.

ANDREW B. GILFILLAN.

Report of Department Commander

To the Department Encampment:

The past year has been a strenuous one in this Department. At the time that I was instituted as Department Commander, a Constitutional Convention was sitting at Albany and was considering a proposed amendment giving veterans of the Spanish War the same preferences with regard to appointment, promotion and retention in the Civil Service of the State that veterans of the Civil War now enjoy. Comrade James S. Long had been put in charge of this work by Department Commander William Jones, and I requested him to continue as head of the Legislative Committee until after the work of the Constitutional Convention had been finished. I want to thank Comrade Long again for myself and on behalf of the Department for the earnest work that he did at that time. It is perhaps fortunate that our amendment was not incorporated in

the proposed Constitution, because the dissatisfaction with that Constitution was so general that I am afraid that even our earnest efforts would not have saved it from defeat by the electors at the polls. While the Constitutional Convention was still sitting, the National Encampment was held at Scranton, Pa. The following is a list of delegates from this State to the National Encampment:

Department Commander, Frank S. Sidway.

Past Department Commanders, Ralph H. Parker, William Jones.

Senior Vice-Department Commander, George W. McCune.

Junior Vice-Department Commander, William T. Hunt.

Delegates-at-Large, John E. J. Clare, Francis R. W. Hering, Walter V. McCoy, Alfred J. Kennedy.

Delegates, Paul Stobbe, Camp No. 1; Joseph F. Dowling, Camp No. 1; Wm. J. Conley, Camp No. 1; James J. Kelly, Camp No. 1; Zera D. Link, Camp No. 2; Frank E. Gee, Camp No. 3; P. S. Rigney, Camp No. 4; Charles L. Amey, Camp No. 4; William Dunney, Camp No. 4; Robert N. Mackin, Camp No. 5; T. J. Bourke, Camp No. 6; W. J. Tyner, Camp No. 7; Isaac Joel, Camp No. 8; Willard D. Norcross, Camp No. 9; Michael J. Quirk, Camp No. 10; William Boldt, Camp No. 11; Fred Wirth, Camp No. 11; J. D. Howland, Camp No. 12; Alfred F. Kuhn, Camp No. 12; Albert Hahn, Camp No. 12; Charles J. M. Frey, Camp No. 14; Wilbur Metz, Camp No. 15; Charles S. Beilman, Camp No. 15; Jos. A. Brecker, Camp No. 15; C. P. Shinn, Camp No. 16; William C. Strauss, Camp No. 17; W. S. Goodwin, Camp No. 18; George W. Dunston, Camp No. 19; Peter J. Hart, Camp No. 20; Martin J. Graham, Camp No. 21; Frank P. Mang, Camp No. 22; Jacob F. Simon, Camp No. 23; Thomas Dawkins, Camp No. 24; E. N. Walbridge, Camp No. 25; Edw. Rolle, Camp No. 26; R. A. Quigley, Camp No. 27; William Kieley, Camp No. 28; Peter G. Wagner, Camp No. 28; John M. Niemeyer, Camp No. 29; Frank Clarke, Camp No. 30; Andrew J. McNamara, Camp No. 31; F. W. Wood, Camp No. 32; Thomas Slater, Camp No. 32; B. B. Mills, Camp No. 34; W. A. Loomis, Camp No. 35; Wm. F. Leuper, Camp No. 36; Aaron Sager, Camp No. 37; Frederic C. Madden, Camp No. 38; George O. Gay, Camp No. 39; Herman Pankan, Camp No. 40; W. P. Little, Camp No. 42;

George H. Kemp, Camp No. 43; Hugh Barnes, Camp No. 44; John W. Tiffany, Camp No. 45; Charles C. Hemendiger, Camp No. 46; John F. Haag, Camp No. 47; John F. Spolders, Camp No. 48; Joseph Castor, Camp No. 49; Claude L. Seiler, Camp No. 51; Charles F. Pickerell, Camp No. 52; N. M. Chapman, Camp No. 53; Otto F. Brins, Camp No. 56; G. W. Ainsworth, Camp No. 58; Otto Schmidt, Camp No. 59; F. D. Lakestream, Camp No. 59; Wm. A. Spencer, Camp No. 60; L. M. Curd, Camp No. 61; James A. Waleur, Camp No. 62; W. S. Snyder, Camp No. 66; James F. Reynolds, Camp No. 67; L. R. Corbin, Camp No. 69; Edw. T. Evans, Camp No. 72; Geo. W. Meyer, Camp No. 73; William Ross, Camp No. 74; S. Keefe, Camp No. 78; Daniel Arundell, Camp No. 80; George A. King, Camp No. 81; John L. Dunn, Camp No. 83; William H. Beardsley, Camp No. 85; Morgan Gardner, Camp No. 86; Michael F. McNamara, Camp No. 87; Charles A. Hill, Camp No. 89; C. A. Barnes, Camp No. 91; T. F. Sampson, Camp No. 91; Gerald J. O'Keefe, Camp No. 93; B. F. Cambrill, Camp No. 95; J. Harris Sawyer, Camp No. 96; Fred H. Van Duzer, Camp No. 98; John A. Hickey, Camp No. 99; J. S. Holmes, Camp No. 100; John S. Strachan, Camp No. 101.

New York State made a splendid showing at the National Encampment, having the largest delegation of any State. The proceedings were harmonious and New York State supported the successful candidates for office. I wish to again express my appreciation of the hearty support which I received from all the members of the Department during the Encampment at Scranton.

I have tried to visit as many Camps as possible in the Department during the past year, but circumstances over which I had practically no control have interfered seriously with my good intention. I have visited the following Camps in New York City:

Old Guard Camp No. 19.
Col. Henry W. Hubbell Camp No. 24.
Griffin Engineers' Camp No. 31.
David Wilson Camp No. 59.
Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 73.
Maj. Gen. George E. Elliott Camp No. 84.
Foreign Service Camp No. 87.
Col. Garland N. Whistler Camp No. 100 at Fort Totten.

I have also visited the following Camps outside of Greater New York:

M. D. Russell Camp No. 2, Troy.
Thomas H. Barber Camp No. 3, Binghamton.
Niagara Falls Camp No. 7, Niagara Falls.
Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12, Buffalo.
Buckey O'Neil Camp No. 15, Buffalo.
Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26, Oswego.
Emerson H. Liscum Camp No. 33, Utica.
C. Ross Wheeler Camp No. 35, Utica.
E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40, Elmira.
Louis W. Carlisle Camp No. 56, Watertown.
Lockport Camp No. 83, Lockport.

I have also visited and conferred with the officers of the Camps in Albany and Syracuse, although I did not visit these Camps officially.

In January I installed the officers of Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12, and Buckey O'Neil Camp No. 15, in Buffalo; E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40 at Elmira, and Col. Henry H. Hubbell Camp No. 24, in New York City. I also installed the officers of the Consolidated Camp in Utica after its consolidation in May. On October 27, 1915, I attended the dinner to Past Commander James S. Long at the Imperial in Brooklyn. On May 13th I marched with the Department in the Preparedness parade in New York City; on Memorial Day I marched with the Spanish War Veterans in Buffalo, and on June 24th I had charge of the Spanish War division of the Preparedness parade in Buffalo. On May 28th I attended the Memorial service in Buffalo and on June 4th I attended similar services at Fort Totten.

Colonel Charles E. P. Babcock, 65th Infantry, N. G. N. Y., invited me to review his regiment on May 18th, the anniversary of its departure from Buffalo for the Spanish War. The regiment was drawn up in close formation and presented a fine appearance. I want to thank Colonel Babcock and his officers again for their courtesy in inviting me to review the regiment.

I want to thank Captain Andrew B. Gilfillan, the Department Adjutant, who is now serving as captain of his company in the 65th Infantry, N. G. N. Y., and will probably be unable to attend

the Department Encampment. I have received loyal support from the Senior Vice-Department Commander, George W. McCune, from the Junior Vice-Department Commander, William T. Hunt, from the Chief of Staff, Charles P. Shinn, and from all of the other elected and appointed officers of the Department. I have also had valuable advice and assistance from Past Department Commander William Jones, now National Chief of Staff, from Past Commanders-in-Chief Hamilton Ward and Maurice Simmons, and from Past Department Commanders Parker, Herrick and Wall.

It is proper for me to make recommendations for the future good welfare of the Department. It seems to me that some way should be devised to cut down the large amount of clerical work, otherwise known as red tape, which exists at present. I have tried to answer all letters on the day of their receipt, or not more than a day later. Sometimes I was not able to do so, because information which was requested was not available instantly, and the matter had to be looked up or a report received from some officer or Comrade. In the matter of increasing the strength of the Department, prizes were offered for recruiting and numerous recruits were brought in. At the time of dictating this report the award of prizes has not been settled. New Camps were instituted at Bath, Norwich, Fort Slocum and Peekskill.

I have had an application for a new Camp at Albany, and have not approved the request for its formation (because it seems to me that there is a tendency in our organization to become top heavy and filled with too many past officers of high rank. I believe that one large Camp in a city is better for the city and for the United Spanish War Veterans than a number of small Camps. A large Camp can always get enough men together to hold a successful meeting. A small Camp, if enthusiastic, can have successful meetings for a while, but when the enthusiasm dies out, then the Camp has to be disbanded or consolidated with some other Camp.

In the matter of finances, just after he was appointed, Adjutant Gilfillan called my atatention to the fact that the balance which had been shown by one Department Commander at the close of his administration did not always agree with the balance which his successor admitted that he had received from that Department Commander, and he suggested that I call on Department Com-

mander William Jones for a statement showing his receipts and disbursements from the time that he turned the balance over to me. Department Commander Jones furnished this report, and it has been audited and published for the information of the Department. I shall have a supplementary report covering such transactions as I shall have after the auditing of my second report. It is practically impossible to avoid this situation, because the time of holding our Encampment is near the time when the per capita tax should be paid and there is always a certain amount of per capita tax, amounting in some cases to several hundred dollars, received after the second financial report. I understand that this has sometimes made the balance which the succeeding Department Commander received appear greater than the balance of the prior Department Commander. There are also expenses which should be paid by the retiring Department Commander, because the items are ones which he is familiar with or has authorized; but if the retiring Department Commander submits a supplementary report to his successor it can be speedily audited and the Department books will be continuous and the final balance which one Department administration shows it has on hand, will be the balance that the next Department begins business with.

The reports of the different Department officers are quite full and complete. I should like to add to them, but my time is limited. Believing that it is the duty of all Spanish War Veterans to do what they can to support the National Government at this time, I am trying to help the officers of the Seventy-fourth Infantry, N. G. N. Y., recruit their regiment and get it in shape to answer the call for national service.

FRANK S. SIDWAY,

Department Commander.

GENERAL ORDERS

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

National Headquarters

National Headquarters

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

Citizens' Building

Cleveland, Ohio, *July* 22, 1915.

General Orders No. 24

1. Upon the nomination of the Commander-in-Chief to fill an existing vacancy, in accordance with the provisions of section 7, article VI, Part 2, Rules and Regulations, and the National Council of Administration having by a majority vote confirmed the nomination, Comrade Henry H. Saunders, Past Commander, Department of Connecticut, is hereby declared duly elected to the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Upon his qualification he will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

2. In extending this honor to Comrade Saunders the members of the National Council of Administration have honored the organization. The exceptional ability and energy exerted by Comrade Saunders in behalf of the organization have earned the highest recognition within its gift, and the office thus conferred is most worthily bestowed.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

ARTHUR C. ROGERS,
Adjutant-General.

Official:

Walter K. Patterson,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

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UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

CITIZENS' BUILDING

CLEVELAND, OHIO, *July* 26, 1915.

General Orders No. 25

1. The following applications for charter have been approved:

Virginia.— Camp at Danville, Va.
Oregon.— Camp at Prineville, Ore.
Missouri.— Camp at Poplar Bluff, Mo.
Michigan.— Camp at Petoskey, Mich.
Wisconsin.— Camp at Wausau, Wis.

2. Charters have been issued to the following Camps:

Washington and Alaska.— U. S. S. Maine Camp No. 25, Orting, Wash.
Ohio.— H. S. Green Camp No. 85, Cardington, Ohio.
California.— Coronado Camp No. 59, Coronado, Cal.

3. Frank L. Tiffany Camp No. 29, Department of Wisconsin, is hereby suspended for the non-payment of per capita tax. Camps Nos. 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 14, Department of Minnesota, are hereby suspended for non-payment of per capita tax.

4. The resignation of Comrade Charles A. Reynolds as Commander, Provisional Division of New Mexico, is accepted.

5. The appointment of the following Comrades as Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief is hereby announced:

Department of Illinois

A. P. Hyatt, Chicago. Thomas R. Patton, Chicago.
C. F. Peters, Chicago.

6. Comrade Charles M. Crayton, Commander Egbert Camp No. 1, Department of Illinois, U. S. W. V., is appointed a member of Committee of Ten for National Home, Danville Branch, *vice* Comrade Ben R. Hall.

Albert Hahn, Assistant Department Quartermaster

7. National Headquarters will be closed August 25, and will reopen at Casino Hall, Scranton, Pa., August 28.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

ARTHUR C. ROGERS,
Adjutant-General.

Official:

WALTER K. PATTERSON,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

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CITIZENS' BUILDING

CLEVELAND, OHIO, August 19, 1915.

General Orders No. 26

1. The following applications for charter have been approved:
California.— Camp at Petaluma, Cal.
Illinois.— Camp at Chicago, Ill.
New York.— Camp at Ithaca, N. Y.
North Carolina.— Camp at Wilmington, N. C.
Oklahoma.— Camp at Alva, Okla.

2. Charters have been issued to the following Camps:
Illinois.— Maj. L. M. Ennis Camp No. 79, Chicago, Ill.
Michigan.— McCabe Camp No. 42, Petoskey, Mich.
Missouri.— Ben T. Walker Camp No. 19, Poplar Bluff, Mo.
Virginia.— Frederick James Camp No. 10, Danville, Va.
Wisconsin.— Frank Gauger Camp No. 37, Wausau, Wis.

3. Hamilton Fish Camp No. 2, Department of Texas, has been reorganized under section 6, article I, Part 5, of the Rules and Regulations.

4. Upon the recommendation of the Department Commander, Howard K. Blair Camp No. 11, Department of Vermont, is hereby suspended for non-payment of per capita tax.

5. Upon the recommendation of the Department Commander, Howard A. Olds Camp No. 8, Gen. James Rush Lincoln Camp No. 12, and Sappington Rohrback Camp No. 17, Department of Missouri, are hereby suspended for non-payment of per capita tax.

6. The appointment of the following Comrades as Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief is hereby announced:

Provisional Division of North Carolina

Lawrence Riordan, Wilmington, N. C.

Department of Pennsylvania

D. O. Ihmsen, Pittsburgh.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

ARTHUR C. ROGERS,
Adjutant-General.

Official:

WALTER K. PATTERSON,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL, U. S. W. V., FROM MARCH 1 TO AUGUST 15, 1915.

In compliance with the provisions of Section 5q, Article VII, Part 2, Rules and Regulations, the following semi-annual statement is hereby published for the information of the Comrades:

RECEIPTS

		Official Organ		
	P. C. Tax	Tax	Subscript's	Advertising
March	$619 57	$14 80	.....	.....
April	150 79	19 12	.....	.....
May	267 81	5 70	.....	.....
June	134 68	9 20	.....	.....
July	843 49	14 00	.....	.....
August 1 to 15	2,024 81	3 60	.....	.....
Total	$4,041 15	$66 52	.....	.....

RECEIPTS — (*Continued*)

	Supplies	Interest	Sale of Furniture	Miscellaneous	Totals
March	$883 17	$6 07	.....	$31 56	$1,555 17
April	798 52	6 83	.....	99	976 35
May	703 92	87 19	.....	15 87	1,080 49
June	726 90	6 44	.....	4 90	882 12
July	92 30	5 64	$15 00	18 57	989 00
Aug. 1 to 15..	382 41	4 26	.....	7 96	2,423 04
Total ...	$3,587 22	$116 43	$15 00	$79 85	$7,906 17

DISBURSEMENTS

	Salaries	Traveling	Office Expense	Official Organ	Supplies
March	$170 00	$403 28	$118 98	.....	$573 19
April	170 00	62 00	144 42	$50 00	129 67
May	170 00	193 45	192 42	324 20	483 85
June	170 00	.....	102 49	.....	497 80
July	170 00	142 63	127 13	134 90	361 39
Aug. 1 to 15..	170 00	73 30	84 22	25 00	285 76
Total ...	$1,020 00	$874 66	$769 66	$534 10	$2,331 66

DISBURSEMENTS — (*Continued*)

	Entailed by 11th Encampment				
	Washington Office	Miscellaneous Expense	Extension, Legislation & Com'tees	Miscellaneous	Totals
March	$277 62	.....	$33 20	$9 68	$1,585 95
April	222 50	$206 00	122 45	156 30	1,263 34
May	276 13	.....	125 00	217 96	1,983 01
June	213 50	.....	175 91	2 25	1,161 95
July	213 55	.....	102 56	.....	1,252 16
Aug. 1 to 15..	178 50	.....	29 44	13 12	859 34
Total ...	$1,381 80	$206 00	$588 56	$399 31	$8,105 75

Cash on hand March 1, 1915	$4,743 92	
Received from March 1 to August 15, 1915	7,906 17	
Total to be accounted for		$12,650 09
Disbursements from March 1 to August 1, 1915		8,195 75
Balance cash on hand		$4,544 34

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

ARTHUR C. ROGERS,
Adjutant-General.

Official:

WALTER K. PATTERSON,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

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CITIZENS' BUILDING, CLEVELAND, OHIO

SCRANTON, PA., *September* 1, 1915.

General Orders No. 27

1. The Court of Inquiry appointed in Special Orders No. 27, c. s., upon the demand of Comrade Felix Rosenberg, a member of of the National Executive Committee, and Comrade J. Walter Mitchell, National Patriotic Instructor, having made its report and finding the imputations and accusations complained of by the Comrades above named to be unfounded, the Commander-in-Chief, complying with section 27, article I, Part 6, of Rules and Regulations, now does honorably exonerate Comrades Felix Rosenberg and J. Walter Mitchell in the matters complained of and brought before the Court of Inquiry, and extends to them his continued assurance of perfect confidence, in the face of the vexatious and groundless imputations by the Comrades named in the proceedings of the court.

2. The Commander-in-Chief takes pleasure in this, his last General Order, in announcing the legal election this day, by the delegates to the Twelfth Stated Convention of the National Encampment, of the following National officers, who will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Commander-in-Chief — L. C. Dyer.
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief — Neil F. McDonald.
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief — Edward R. Conley.
Deputy Commanders-in-Chief — L. E. Toomey, Albert Bryan, Harrison Johnson.
Surgeon-General — S. Clifford Cox.
Chaplain-in-Chief — John Randolph.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

ARTHUR C. ROGERS,
Adjutant-General.

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CHEMICAL BUILDING

ST. LOUIS, MO., *September* 1, 1915.

General Orders No. 1

Series 1915–16

1. Having been duly elected and installed Commander-in-Chief of the United Spanish War Veterans at the stated Convention of the Twelfth National Encampment, held in Scranton, Pa., August 30, 31 and September 1, 1915, I hereby assume command.

2. Headquarters are hereby established in the Chemical Building, 721 Olive street, St. Louis, Mo.

L. C. DYER,
Commander-in-Chief.

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UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

CHEMICAL BUILDING

ST. LOUIS, MO., *September* 15, 1915.

General Orders No. 2

Series 1915–16

The following appointments are hereby announced:

1. Chief of Staff, Comrade William Jones, Department of New York, 4380 Carpenter avenue, New York City.

2. Adjutant-General, Comrade Jere A. Costello, Department of the District of Columbia, Southern Building, Washington, D. C.

3. Quartermaster-General, Comrade Arnold Mayer, Department of Missouri, 1112 Chemical Building, St. Louis, Mo.

4. Inspector-General, Comrade Thomas Goldingay, Department of New Jersey, 88 Kinney street, Newark, N. J.

5. National Patriotic Instructor, Comrade Sheridan Ferree, Department of the District of Columbia, 3465 Macomb street Northwest, Washington, D. C.

6. National Historian, Comrade W. D. Tucker, Department of Ohio, 636 Courtland Building, Canton, O.

7. Assistant Adjutant-General, Comrade Charles J. De Berard, Department of Missouri, 1112 Chemical Building, St. Louis, Mo.

8. National Executive Committee, Comrade Dr. S. Clifford Cox, Department of the District of Columbia, 2018 Eye street Northwest, Washington, D. C.; Comrade Dr. F. W. Veninga, Department of Missouri, 3407 South Jefferson avenue, St. Louis, Mo., and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations, the Commander-in-Chief, the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief and the Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.

L. C. DYER,

Commander-in-Chief.

September 22, 1915.

SIR AND COMRADE.—You have been selected by the Commander-in-Chief to serve on the committee, provided for at the Scranton Encampment, to extent the fraternal greetings of the 112th National Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans to the 49th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

There will be a meeting of this committee, Friday, September 24, at 4.45 p. m., at the Old Census Building, First and B streets Northwest. Kindly be present.

JERE A. COSTELLO,
Adjutant-General.

Committee to Extend Greetings to the G. A. R.

September 23, 1915.

Department Commander J. Q. A. Braden, 1775 T street N. W.

Senior Vice-Department Commander Lee H. Harris, 1807 California street N. W.

Junior Vice-Department Commander J. E. Maynard, 1438 Meridian street N. W.

Past Department Commander Major Fred S. Hodgson, 1321 Q street N. W.

Past Department Commander and Surgeon-General Dr. S. Clifford Cox, 2018 I street N. W.

Past Department Commander Capt. J. Walter Mitchell, 14th and E streets N. W.

Past Department Commander Edward L. Cogan, 315 C street N. E.

Past Department Commander G. E. Rausch, Southern Building.

Past Department Commander D. V. Chisholm, Government Printing Office.

Past Department Commander Sam. G. Mawson, 3301 Prospect street N. W.

Inspector-General Sheridan Ferree, 3465 Macomb street N. W.

Camp Commander Chas. J. P. Weber, 11th Precinct, Anacostia, D. C.

Camp Commander Wm. T. Herritage, Lincoln Hotel, 10th and H streets N. W.

Camp Commander Louis E. Felton, 614 Rock Creek Church road.

Camp Commander Emil Walter, 1305 10th street N. W.

Camp Commander Joseph W. Harriman, 536 13th street S. E.

Camp Commander Frank Weiloch, Soldiers' Home, D. C.

Camp Commander John Murphy, 1724 17th street N. W.

Comrade Richard L. Lamb, 725 13th street N. W.

Comrade John Hogan, Soldiers' Home, D. C.

Adjutant-General Costello will act as Chairman of this committee, and Past Department Commander Chisholm will make the address, presenting the greetings.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

CHEMICAL BUILDING

ST. LOUIS, MO., *October* 1, 1915.

General Orders No. 3

Series 1915–16

1. The following appointments are hereby announced:

PROVISIONAL DIVISION COMMANDERS

New Mexico

Comrade Charles A. Reynolds, Roswell.

South Dakota

Comrade R. J. Reals, Hot Springs.

Judge Advocate-General

Comrade John E. Curtin, Department of California, Washington Building, Los Angeles, Cal.

Provost Marshal

Comrade John J. Allen, Department of Virginia, Police Headquarters, Norfolk, Va.

Assistant Quartermaster-General

Comrade Joseph L. Chamberlain, Department of Missouri, Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo.

Committee on Legislation

Comrade Daniel V. Chisholm, Chairman, Department of the District of Columbia, Southern Building, Washington, D. C.

Comrade James E. Maynard, Secretary, Department of the District of Columbia.

Comrade Barratt O'Hara, Department of Illinois.

Comrade Ralph H. Parker, Department of New York.

Comrade Joseph Le Masurier, Department of Virginia.

Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Assigned to Special Duty

Comrade Harry H. Landsman, Department of Illinois, Decatur.

Comrade J. Walter Mitchell, Department of District of Columbia, Washington, D. C.

Comrade Henry H. Saunders, Department of Connecticut, Hartford.

Comrade Wm. L. Frank, Rock Island, Ill., and ordered to report to the Commander of the Department of Illinois.

AIDES-DE-CAMP ON THE STAFF OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Department of Colorado

Comrade Leslie F. Paull, Camp No. 1, Denver.

Comrade Wm. F. O'Neill, Camp No. 3, Pueblo.

Comrade Wm. H. Day, Camp No. 6, Trinidad.

Comrade E. Max Cohen, Camp No. 8, Colorado Springs.

Comrade Frank Garrity, Camp No. 10, Rocky Ford.

Comrade Wm. M. Neil, Camp No. 11, Loveland.

Department of the District of Columbia

Comrade Charles W. McCaffrey, Camp No. 1, Washington, D. C.

Comrade Wm. I. Jenkins, Camp No. 2, Washington, D. C.

Comrade Wm. B. Hudson, Camp No. 3, Washington, D. C.

Comrade George Cumming, Camp No. 6, Washington, D. C.
Comrade Wm. H. Santelmann, Camp No. 9, Washington, D. C.

Department of Florida

Comrade Fred C. Fagan, Camp No. 1, Fort Dade.
Comrade Edward Kane, Camp No. 2, Tampa.
Comrade J. L. Burt, Camp No. 3, Palatka.
Comrade Richard Hargrave, Camp No. 4, Jacksonville.
Comrade E. L. Gehry, Camp No. 5, Key West.
Comrade Thos. Haskins, Camp No. 6, Arcadia.
Comrade W. Y. Carter, Camp No. 7, Lakeland.

Department of Idaho

Comrade Edward Merrill, Camp No. 3, Soda Springs.

Department of Illinois

Comrade John W. Carse, Rock Island.
Comrade C. A. Kline, Litchfield.
Comrade Arthur D. Wilson, Decatur.

Department of Kansas

Comrade Joseph W. Ozias, Camp No. 1, National Soldiers' Home.
Comrade Dennis McGrath, Camp No. 2, Leavenworth.
Comrade H. M. Jennings, Camp No. 3, Topeka.
Comrade W. L. Johnson, Camp No. 6, Kansas City.
Comrade Paul Hunter, Camp No. 7, Hutchinson.
Comrade W. P. Issenhart, Camp No. 9, Salina.
Comrade John W. Brown, Camp No. 15, Iola.
Comrade Alta A. Wilhite, Camp No. 16, Emporia.
Comrade James H. Sherman, Camp No. 18, Wichita.
Comrade W. C. Linville, Camp No. 20, Atchison.
Comrade Edward J. Lyons, Camp No. 21, Arkansas City.
Comrade Paul Madden, Camp No. 22, Dod City.

Department of Maryland

Comrade John T. Rittenhouse, Camp No. 1, Baltimore.
Comrade Joseph C. Byron, Camp No. 3, Hagerstown.
Comrade Gustav F. Dahm, Camp No. 4, Fort Howard.

Department of Massachusetts

Comrade Gilbert W. Hunt, Lowell.
Comrade A. B. Jones, Lynn.
Comrade J. E. Sullivan, Brockton.

Department of Minnesota

Comrade John Loye, Camp No. 1, Red Wing.
Comrade Wm. West Phalinger, Camp No. 2, St. Paul.
Comrade George J. Sherman, Camp No. 6, Duluth.
Comrade John McPhillips, Camp No. 7, Fort Snelling.
Comrade A. E. Edwards, Camp No. 9, Minneapolis.
Comrade Nicholson Nicholsen, Camp No. 11, Austin.
Comrade Gustav Koschell, Camp No. 12, Winona.
Comrade F. M. Schutte, Camp No. 13, Duluth.
Comrade W. F. Brown, Camp No. 15, Chisholm.
Comrade P. J. Fallon, Camp No. 16, Minneapolis.
Comrade F. W. Bidwell, Camp No. 17, Virginia.
Comrade T. F. Rogers, Camp No. 18, Albert Lea.

Department of Nebraska

Comrade George Yager, Camp No. 1, Omaha.
Comrade John G. Maher, Camp No. 2, Lincoln.
Comrade Andrew Holt, Camp No. 9, Geneva.
Comrade Frank H. Beals, Camp No. 10, Norfolk.
Comrade Leonard Robinson, Camp No. 11, North Platte.
Comrade Porter J. Hand, Camp No. 12, Nebraska City.

Department of New Hampshire

Comrade Edward S. Carroll, Camp No. 3, Concord.
Comrade George O. Lane, Camp No. 4, Portsmouth.
Comrade Henry Larsen, Camp No. 7, Dover.
Comrade Walter C. Ellis, Camp No. 9, Keene.
Comrade George H. Gamash, Camp No. 10, Newport.
Comrade Fred A. Haynes, Camp No. 11, Claremont.

Department of New Jersey

Comrade George D. Love, Newark.
Comrade Peter J. Savage, Alexandria Bay, N. Y.

Department of New Mexico

Comrade Pierce J. Reynolds, Camp No. 1, Fort Bayard.

Department of New York

Comrade William J. S. Dineen, Camp No. 4, Brooklyn.

Department of Oklahoma

Comrade Winfield Scott, Camp No. 2, Enid.
Comrade J. Stratton Flick, Camp No. 3, Oklahoma City.
Comrade Richard Shanafelt, Camp No. 4, Muskogee.
Comrade William Meeks, Camp No. 5, Vinita.
Comrade R. B. Stewart, Camp No. 6, Lawton.
Comrade J. Bart Foster, Camp No. 8, Chandler.
Comrade George Gattis, Camp No. 9, Chickasha.
Comrade Edwin H. Brown, Camp No. 11, Stillwater.
Comrade H. D. Hewlett, Camp No. 13, Shawnee.
Comrade Elmer Louderbeck, Camp No. 15, Tulsa.
Comrade John S. Little, Camp No. 16, Fort Sill.
Comrade L. M. Provost, Camp No. 17, Alva.

Department of Oregon

Comrade James E. Brockway, Camp No. 2, Portland.
Comrade F. C. Stellmacher, Camp No. 4, Albany.
Comrade Carl Abrams, Camp No. 5, Salem.
Comrade Edward H. Joehnk, Camp No. 7, Marshfield.
Comrade A. W. McLaughlin, Camp No. 10, Eugene.
Comrade Henry M. Sellinger, Camp No. 11, Fort Stevens.
Comrade F. M. Garrison, Camp No. 12, McMinnville.
Comrade Charles J. Ferguson, Camp No. 13, Klamath Falls.
Comrade Howard Davis, Camp No. 14, LaGrande.
Comrade Leon W. Hyde, Camp No. 15, Hillsboro.
Comrade J. J. Poorman, Camp No. 16, Woodburn.
Comrade Jay H. Upton, Camp No. 17, Prineville.
Comrade L. E. May, Roseburg.

Department of Vermont

Comrade H. Edward Dyer, Camp No. 1, Rutland.
Comrade N. D. Ripley, Camp No. 2, St. Johnsburg.
Comrade F. J. Waterman, Camp No. 3, Brattleboro.

Comrade Charles Bashaw, Camp No. 9, Burlington.
Comrade E. H. Holden, Camp No. 10, Bennington.

Department of Virginia

Comrade Geo. P. Shackelford, Camp No. 1, Richmond.
Comrade A. W. Chenskain, Camp No. 3, Roanoke.
Comrade C. N. Markham, Camp No. 4, Portsmouth.
Comrade William M. Parker, Camp No. 5, Norfolk.
Comrade C. A. Baldwin, Camp No. 7, Newport News.
Comrade Charles Gaddess, Camp No. 10, Danville.
Comrade Chas. P. Heinemann, Camp No. 11, Norfolk.

Department of the Columbia

Comrade Thomas M. Rodgers, Camp No. 1, Los Angeles, Cal.
Comrade William N. Ricks, Camp No. 3, Oakland, Cal.
Comrade Thomas Campbell, Camp No. 4, Denver, Colo.
Comrade E. U. Moore, Camp No. 6, Vallejo, Cal.
Comrade James H. Pumphrey, Camp No. 7, Seattle, Wash.
Comrade Benjamin F. Payne, Camp No. 8, Topeka, Kans.

Department of the Potomac

Comrade W. H. Perry, Camp No. 1, Norfolk, Va.
Comrade John A. Phillips, Camp No. 2, Norfolk, Va.
Comrade Charles S. Piper, Camp No. 3, Garfield, D. C.
Comrade J. C. Smith, Camp No. 4, Washington, D. C
Comrade R. Hill, Camp No. 5, Petersburg, Va.
Comrade W. H. White, Camp No. 6, Richmond, Va.
Comrade G. Hobson, Camp No. 8, Richmond, Va.
Comrade William H. Butler, Camp No. 10, St. Louis, Mo.

Provisional Division of Arkansas

Comrade R. W. Brown, Camp No. 1, Hot Springs.

Provisional Division of Georgia

Comrade Albert Markwalter, Camp No. 5, Augusta.
Comrade John S. Madden, Camp No. 6, Atlanta.
Comrade W. J. Simmons (at large), Atlanta.

Provisional Division of North Carolina

Comrade Lawrence Riordan, Camp No. 6, Wilmington.

Camps Unattached

Comrade Arthur L. Lynn, Maj.-Gen. W. S. McCaskey Camp, Fort Bliss, Texas.

Comrade John Schocklin, Maj. Albert G. Forse Camp, Fort Yellowstone, Wyoming.

Official Editor of the U. S. W. V. for The American Standard

Comrade James E. Maynard, Department of District of Columbia.

Color Sergeants

Comrade Bernard J. Kelly, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

Comrade B. J. Musholt, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

JERE A. COSTELLO,
Adjutant-General.

Official:

CHAS. J. DE BERARD,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

CHEMICAL BUILDING

ST. LOUIS, *October* 15, 1915.

General Orders No. 4

Series 1915–16

1. The following charters have been issued:

Department of Missouri

John H. Parker Camp, No. 18, Joplin.

Department of Virginia

Taylor-Higgins Camp, No. 11, Norfolk.

2. The following Camp has been instituted:

Department of the District of Columbia

Semper Fidelis Camp, No. 10, Washington, D. C.

3. Applications for charters from the following Camps have been approved:

Camp at Astoria, Ore.
Camp at Tucson, Ariz.

4. Notice is hereby given that all requisitions for supplies, Camp reports, remittances, and all detail matter, should be sent direct to National Headquarters, 1112 Chemical Building, St. Louis, Mo., where Assistant Adjutant-General De Berard will give it immediate attention.

5. It is the desire of this administration that the Washington office be of some benefit to the individual members of the Organization, as well as to the Organization as a whole, and for that reason the Adjutant-General will be pleased to attend to any matter for any Comrade which he may desire brought before any of the Government Departments. Matters pertaining to pension applications, increases, and all other claims of whatsoever nature, will receive his personal attention. He will be glad to furnish such forms as are required for filing such claims, and advises the Comrades that they can unhesitatingly call upon him for his advice and assistance in all such matters.

6. On the convening of Congress, December 6, there will be a bill introduced, which, if enacted into law, will give pensions to the widows and orphans of our deceased Comrades. Camps are earnestly requested to adopt resolutions at their next regular meeting urging the enactment of this legislation, and to send copies of such resolutions to the United States Senators and Representatives in Congress of their respective States. Also send a copy to the Adjutant-General and the Chairman of the Committee on Legislation, both addresses being Southern Building, Washington, D. C.

Also, adopt resolutions urging the incoming Congress to enact legislation increasing our Army and Navy to a size adequate for

our National defense. Send copies of such resolutions as above requested.

7. Notice: Any Comrade who served or knows the address of another who served in Battery L, 3d U. S. Artillery, during 1899 or 1900, in the Philippine Islands, please communicate with Frank Motz, 966 Vernon avenue, Portland, Ore.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

JERE A. COSTELLO,
Adjutant-General.

Official:

CHAS. J. DE BERARD,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

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ST. LOUIS, *November* 5, 1915.

General Orders No. 5

Series 1915–16

1. Corporal William L. White Camp, No. 10, located in the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, is hereby detached from the Department of the Potomac, and designated Corporal William L. White Camp, No. 10, unattached, of St. Louis, Mo.

2. Said Camp will correspond with and report direct to the National Headquarters.

3. National Aide-de-Camp William H. Butler is hereby released from duty with the Department of the Potomac.

4. National Aide-de-Camp William H. Butler will report direct to the Commander-in-Chief.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

JERE A. COSTELLO,
Adjutant-General.

Official:

CHAS. J. DE BERARD,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

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UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

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ST. LOUIS, MO., *November* 15, 1915.

General Orders No. 6

Series 1915–16

1. The following appointments are hereby announced:

PROVISIONAL DIVISION COMMANDERS

Arkansas

Comrade Gustav Orth, Hot Springs.

Georgia

Comrade George N. Watson, Atlanta.

AIDES-DE-CAMP ON THE STAFF OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ASSIGNED TO EXTENSION WORK IN THE REGULAR ARMY

Department of Missouri

Comrade J. H. Scully, Jefferson Barracks.

Department of New York

Comrade James S. Holmes, Fort Totten.

AIDES-DE-CAMP ON THE STAFF OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Department of the District of Columbia

Comrade James H. Blount, Camp No. 4, Washington, D. C.
Comrade Joseph W. Harriman, Camp No. 7, Washington, D. C.
Comrade John Gallagher (at large), Washington, D. C.
Comrade Joseph P. McCrink (at large), Washington, D. C.
Comrade Daniel J. Leahy (at large), Washington, D. C.

Department of Hawaii

Comrade Thomas A. Marlowe, Camp No. 1, Schofield Barracks.
Comrade Philip Fisher, Camp No. 2, Schofield Barracks.
Comrade Ira Crecelius, Camp No. 3, Schofield Barracks.
Comrade John R. Malsbury, Camp No. 4, Schofield Barracks.
Comrade Delbert P. Green, Camp No. 5, Schofield Barracks.

Department of Illinois

Comrade Fred Brown, Camp No. 18, Sterling.
Comrade Samuel Cushing, Camp No. 23, Dixon.
Comrade James Ferguson, Camp No. 33, Minot, N. D.

Department of Missouri

Comrade Walter Rick, Camp No. 1, St. Louis.
Comrade Philip Schumacher, Camp No. 2, St. Louis.
Comrade M. B. Lilly, Camp No. 4, St. Louis.
Comrade Earl A. McBride, Camp No. 7, Kansas City.
Comrade Ora O. Evans, Camp No. 14, St. Louis.
Comrade James A. Rose, Camp No. 15, St. Louis.
Comrade Charles A. Skinner, Camp No. 16, West Plains.
Comrade Walter W. Gaugh, Camp No. —, Kansas City.

Department of Nebraska

Comrade John W. McDonnell, Camp No. 3, Fairbury.
Comrade August Wagner, Camp No. 4, Columbus.
Comrade A. H. Hollingworth, Camp No. 8, Beatrice.

Department of New Hampshire

Comrade John F. Courtney, Camp No. 5, Manchester.
Comrade Ernest G. Muzzey, Camp No. 10, Newport.

Department of New Jersey

Comrade Ezra C. Chacey, Camp No. 1, Paterson.
Comrade John H. Doremus, Camp No. 2, Passaic.
Comrade Arthur G. Orme, Camp No. 4, Bayonne.
Comrade Thomas J. Rossiter, Camp No. 13, Newark.
Comrade A. L. Beckhardt, Camp No. 26, Newark.

Department of New York

Comrade Wm. J. S. Dineen, Brooklyn Hills.
Comrade Edward Roole, New York City.
Comrade Burton L. Rider, Oswego.
Comrade Irving Coon, New York City.
Comrade Dennis F. Hynes, New Rochelle.
Comrade Wm. Hansen, Brooklyn.
Comrade Charles H. Wenz, Jamaica, L. I.
Comrade James F. Reynolds, Holbrook, L. I.
Comrade P. J. Guilfoyle, Syracuse.
Comrade Claude L. Seiler, Rochester.
Comrade C. E. Cortright, Elmira.
Comrade Robinson Germond, Union Course.
Comrade Wm. O. Isaacson, Jamestown.
Comrade Robert G. Swanson, Jamestown.
Comrade Charles J. Watson, West Point.
Comrade Frederick T. Elbers, Buffalo.
Comrade Henry E. W. Simon, Buffalo.
Comrade William C. Gertz, Buffalo.
Comrade James T. Carroll, Brooklyn.
Comrade Ben Rosenberg, New York City.
Comrade Dallas M. Sprecker, Fort Wadsworth.

Department of Ohio

Comrade Frank Winter, Camp No. 1, Cincinnati.
Comrade Herbert E. Kelly, Camp No. 7, Dayton.
Comrade J. Jay Biery, Camp No. 13, Findley.
Comrade Harry J. Neleigh, Camp No. 14, Tiffin.
Comrade George S. Powley, Camp No. 25, Norwalk.
Comrade David Edwards, Camp No. 26, Youngstown.
Comrade Charles Fishbough, Camp No. 31, Lancaster.
Comrade Alvin Eichman, Camp No. 33, Bucyrus.
Comrade W. A. Sargent, Camp No. 34, Clyde.
Comrade H. E. Finfrock, Camp No. 36, Covington.
Comrade A. C. Rogers, Camp No. 41, Cleveland.
Comrade James M. Alward, Camp No. 49, Columbus.
Comrade H. M. Glazier, Camp No. 50, Cleveland.
Comrade Louis F. Otto, Camp No. 52, Marysville.

Comrade Ira C. Kinney, Camp No. 55, Canton.
Comrade William Vehlber, Camp No. 62, Elyria.
Comrade C. T. Atwell, Camp No. 67, Zanesville.
Comrade W. J. Walker, Camp No. 69, Columbus Barracks.
Comrade Geo. W. Slemmer, Camp No. 73, Upper Sandusky.
Comrade Henry C. Taylor, Camp No. 78, Athens.
Comrade Emery Martin, Camp No. 79, Portsmouth.
Comrade John Lazelle, Camp No. 80, Coshocton.
Comrade Wm. Uttman, Camp No. 84, Hillsboro.
Comrade John M. Burr, Camp No. 85, Cardington.

Department of Pennsylvania

Comrade Robert J. Hanna, Camp No. 1, Philadelphia.
Comrade Don O. Ihmson, Camp No. 1, Pittsburgh.
Comrade Herbert Skinner, Camp No. 2, Allentown.
Comrade Wm. E. Weidner, Camp No. 3, Reading.
Comrade H. Herbert Harris, Camp No. 4, Milton.
Comrade Geo. T. Drake, Camp No. 6, Waverly, N. Y.
Comrade Norman W. Ream, Camp No. 8, Harrisburg.
Comrade A. C. Stear, Camp No. 9, Salamanca, N. Y.
Comrade Samuel W. Hinson, Camp No. 10, Philadelphia.
Comrade Samuel G. Leisey, Camp No. 11, Shamokin.
Comrade C. E. Rissell, Camp No. 12, Greenville.
Comrade Adrin A. Garrison, Camp No. 13, Nanticoke.
Comrade Frank P. Kelly, Camp No. 14, Carbondale.
Comrade Chas. A. Smith, Camp No. 15, Pittsburgh.
Comrade Harry A. Hall, Camp No. 16, Ridgway.
Comrade E. G. Gage, Camp No. 17, Pittston.
Comrade Crittenden J. Coon, Camp No. 19, Kingston.
Comrade Sherman E. Mattocks, Camp No. 23, Sharon.
Comrade C. G. Logan, Camp No. 24, New Castle.
Comrade Stephen N. Lindemuth, Camp No. 25, Shenandoah.
Comrade Charles Bishop, Camp No. 26, Mahanoy City.
Comrade John C. Jordon, Camp No. 27, Philadelphia.
Comrade Fred Wahner, Camp No. 29, Mt. Carmel.
Comrade Wilber S. Pole, Camp No. 31, Erie.
Comrade J. H. Leib, Camp No. 32, Pottsville.
Comrade Edgar H. Negley, Camp No. 33, Butler.

Comrade J. D. Carr, Camp No. 34, Meadeville.
Comrade J. A. Mawhinney, Camp No. 36, Franklin.
Comrade Ottman Kulmas, Camp No. 38, Philadelphia.
Comrade E. M. Metz, Camp No. 39, Oil City.
Comrade Wm. E. Saville, Camp No. 41, Scranton.
Comrade Frank L. Glausman, Camp No. 42, Philadelphia.
Comrade William Dennis, Camp No. 43, Easton.
Comrade Noah C. Sholtz, Camp No. 46, Somerset.
Comrade Harry T. Lear, Camp No. 49, West Chester.
Comrade Nathan O'Neal, Camp No. 52, Norristown.
Comrade Norman A. Adams, Camp No. 53, Lancaster.
Comrade L. W. Barton, Camp No. 54, Bradford.
Comrade Chas. Henderson, Camp No. 55, Scarboro, W. Va.
Comrade Geo. P. Schwartz, Camp No. 56, Hazleton.
Comrade Frank Starr, Camp No. 57, Sunbury.
Comrade Eugene V. Coleman, Camp No. 58, Honesdale.
Comrade Wm. F. Deitsch, Camp No. 59, New Brighton.
Comrade C. A. Biltz, Camp No. 60, Tamaqua.
Comrade Howard T. Bluett, Camp No. 61, Philadelphia.
Comrade Wm. E. Super, Camp No. 62, St. Clair.
Comrade Fred W. Church, Camp No. 64, Johnstown.
Comrade J. Beaver Gearhart, Camp No. 65, Danville.
Comrade Walter L. Drenning, Camp No. 67, Wrightsville.
Comrade Jas. J. Logan, Camp No. 68, York.
Comrade Frank W. Parsons, Camp No. 69, Corry.
Comrade Alfred J. Nealis, Camp No. 70, Bellefonte.
Comrade C. C. McLain, Camp No. 71, Indiana.

Department of Texas

Comrade S. E. Hauha, Camp No. 1, San Antonio.
Comrade C. E. Athey, Camp No. 2, El Paso.
Comrade H. A. Hunt, Camp No. 4, Dallas.
Comrade Wm. J. Murphy, Camp No. 7, Galveston.

Department of Virginia

Comrade A. W. Obenshain, Camp No. 3, Roanoke.
Comrade James C. Causey, Jr., Camp No. 6, Suffolk.
Comrade J. E. Hendrickson, Camp No. 8, National Soldiers' Home, Hampton.

Department of Washington and Alaska

Comrade Wm. B. Mullins, Camp No. 1, Tacoma.
Comrade Thos. J. L. Kennedy, Camp No. 2, Seattle.
Comrade Otto H. Herb, Camp No. 3, Bremerton.
Comrade Geo. W. Duffy, Camp No. 4, Spokane.
Comrade W. L. Lemmon, Camp No. 5, North Yakima.
Comrade John Williams, Camp No. 6, Vancouver.
Comrade E. A. McKenna, Camp No. 7, Aberdeen.
Comrade W. P. Brown, Camp No. 8, Bellingham.
Comrade Chas. A. Turner, Camp No. 9, Everett.
Comrade F. L. Wells, Camp No. 10, Walla Walla.
Comrade John Q. Miller, Camp No. 11, Seattle.
Comrade C. H. Armstrong, Camp No. 12, Wenatchee.
Comrade Wm. J. Daly, Camp No. 13, Port Townsend.
Comrade F. L. Harter, Camp No. 15, Olympia.
Comrade Fred L. Ballau, Camp No. 17, Ellensburg.
Comrade Perry A. Downing, Camp No. 18, South Bend.
Comrade John M. Schmidt, Camp No. 19, Fort Worden.
Comrade G. C. Parmenter, Camp No. 20, Fort Liscum.
Comrade August Oese, Camp No. 21, Centralia.
Comrade A. H. Webster, Camp No. 22, Tacoma.
Comrade Samuel Shove, Camp No. 24, Camas.
Comrade Walter Berry, Camp No. 25, Orting.

Provisional Division of South Dakota

Comrade R. C. Warne, Camp No. 2, Mitchell.
Comrade Earl Klock, Camp No. 3, Hot Springs.
Comrade Harry Bershon, Camp No. 5, Sioux Falls.

Camps Unattached

Comrade Osgood Smith, Camp No. 1, Habana, Cuba.
Comrade Samuel C. Bothwell, Camp No. 1, San Juan, Porto Rico.
Comrade J. C. Miller, Camp No. 2, Charleston, S. C.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

JERE A. COSTELLO,
Adjutant-General.

Official:

CHAS. J. DE BERARD,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

CHEMICAL BUILDING

ST. LOUIS, MO., *November* 18, 1915.

General Orders No. 7

Series 1915–16

1. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Committee on Finance

Comrade R. B. Waite, Department of Missouri, St. Louis.
Comrade Martin Sherer, Department of Missouri, St. Louis.
Comrade Meyer Hurwits, Department of Missouri, East St. Louis, Ill.

Committee on National Soldiers' Home

Comrade J. H. Gallagher, California.
Comrade Chas. M. Crayton, Illinois.
Comrade John E. King, Indiana.
Comrade H. L. Robinson, Kansas.
Comrade W. I. Sterling, Maine.
Comrade Oscar E. Harper, South Dakota.
Comrade J. S. Gray, Tennessee.
Comrade F. G. Dana, Wisconsin.

2. The following charters have been issued:

Department of Kansas

Malolos Camp No. 6, Kansas City.

Department of Nebraska

Guy Dodge Camp No. 3, reorganized, Fairbury.
Bruce E. Macey Camp No. 8, Beatrice.

Department of New York

Col. Charles W. Williams Camp No. 101, Highland Falls.

Department of Oregon

Thomas M. Anderson Camp No. 17, Prineville.

Department of Virginia

Gen. Henry C. Hasbrouck Camp No. 5, reorganized, Suffolk.

Provision Division of Wyoming

Maj. F. M. Foote Camp No. 3, Cheyenne.

3. The following Camps have been instituted:

Department of Oregon

Edward Young Camp No. 18, Astoria.

Provisional Division of Maryland

Gen. Henry W. Lawton Camp No. 5, Baltimore.

4. The following application for charter has been approved:

Department of New Jersey

Ensign Worth Bagley Camp No. 21, Plainfield.

5. Col. Hayden Y. Grubbs Camp No. 55, El Paso, Tex., is hereby detached from the Department of California and designated the Col. Hayden Y. Grubbs Camp No. 55, unattached. Said Camp will report direct to National Headquarters.

Notice

6. The following change in prices is announced:

Honorary Membership Badges — Single badges, 75c.; half dozen or more, 50c each. No discount allowed.

7. To avoid delay in handling matters pertaining to individual Comrades or to Camps, it is advised that all such be sent through channels. The Commander-in-Chief will give his personal attention to such matters of individual Comrades as are not required to come through channels.

8. Pertaining to Paragraph 5, General Orders No. 4, the Adjutant-General has called my attention to the necessity of having Comrades, who avail themselves of the opportunities offered

therein, to get the approval of their Camp Commander to such matters as they wish to call to his attention. It is imperative that the time of the Adjutant-General be taken up in the interest of members of the organization only, and he has no means of knowing whether the Comrade addressing him is a member in good standing or not, unless it should come through channels, and where that is inconvenient, it should at least have the approval of his Camp Commander.

Taps

9. It is with deep regret that the death of Past Chaplain-in-Chief W. H. I. Reaney is announced. Father Reaney has been active in the organization since its inception. He was known and beloved and will be sorely missed by our entire membership.

It is with deep regret that the death of Comrade Arthur B. Spink, Adjutant, Department of Rhode Island, is announced. Comrade Spink was devoted to our cause, and was one of the most active Comrades in our organization. Particularly will the Department of Rhode Island miss him.

The sympathies of the organization are extended to the relatives of these two sterling Comrades.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

JERE A. COSTELLO,

Adjutant-General.

Official:

CHAS. J. DE BERARD,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

CHEMICAL BUILDING

ST. LOUIS, MO., *December* 15, 1915.

General Orders No 8

Series 1915–16

1. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Commanders of Provisional Divisions

Arizona.— Comrade Maynard A. Frazier, Fleming Block, Phœnix.

Tennessee.— Comrade Robert B. Cook, James Building, Chattanooga.

Central Committee for National Soldiers' Home

Comrade C. S. Stewart, Chairman, Provisional Division of Tennessee, Chattanooga.

Comrade Thomas W. Bath, Camp No. 3, Department of Illinois, Bloomington.

Comrade C. B. Huffman, Camp No. 3, Department of Kansas, Columbus.

Chief Musician

Comrade Arthur G. Mohle, Camp No. 44, Department of Illinois, Chicago.

AIDES-DE-CAMP ON THE STAFF OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND ASSIGNED TO SPECIAL DUTY

Department of California

Comrade William Downey, San Francisco.
Comrade Adam Gill, Vallejo.

Department of the District of Columbia

Comrade Albert J. Hawkins, Camp No. 4, Washington.

Department of Pennsylvania

Comrade T. H. McLoughlin, Scranton.

Provisional Division of Tennessee

Comrade Dan Garvin, Camp No. 10, Chattanooga, and ordered to report to the Commander.

Unattached

Comrade Joseph E. Mitchell, Camp No. 10, St. Louis.

AIDES-DE-CAMP ON THE STAFF OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Department of California

Comrade E. H. Baker, Camp No. 1, Vallejo.
Comrade H. A. Green, Camp No. 2, San Francisco.
Comrade Frank H. Bileski, Camp No. 4, Stockton.
Comrade Jacob Alexander, Camp No. 5, Sacramento.
Comrade Will Kelly, Camp No. 6, Fresno.
Comrade H. B. Orwig, Camp No. 7, Oakland.
Comrade C. W. Davison, Camp No. 8, San Jose.
Comrade Charles B. Marsh, Camp No. 9, Los Angeles.
Comrade Frank T. Smiley, Camp No. 10, San Francisco.
Comrade H. Shierloh, Camp No. 11, Woodland.
Comrade L. W. Kohler, Camp No. 12, Santa Rosa.
Comrade F. W. Nitzche, Camp No. 13, Berkeley.
Comrade Peter A. Busch, Camp No. 14, Presidio.
Comrade Fletcher G. Booth, Camp No. 15, San Bernardino.
Comrade Otto Bach, Camp No. 16, Monterey.
Comrade J. H. Gallaher, Camp No. 17, Veterans' Home.
Comrade W. G. Turney, Camp No. 18, San Rafael.
Comrade A. J. McGregor, Camp No. 19, Martinez.
Comrade R. V. Dodge, Camp No. 20, San Diego.
Comrade E. E. Cherrington, Camp No. 23, Long Beach.
Comrade George S. Biggin, Camp No. 27, Redland.
Comrade C. P. Nabor, Camp No. 29, Alameda.
Comrade A. W. Horswill, Camp No. 30, Pasadena.
Comrade Edward Guthrie, Camp No. 31, Bakersfield.
Comrade W. A. Shannon, Camp No. 32, Selma.
Comrade F. F. Canon, Camp No. 33, Sacramento.
Comrade W. G. Allgern, Camp No. 35, Napa.
Comrade W. B. Eichbaum, Camp No. 36, Los Angeles.
Comrade W. H. Copping, Camp No. 41, Pasadena.

Comrade W. G. Bryce, Camp No. 43, Soldiers' Home.
Comrade Chas. A. Rogers, Camp No. 46, Richmond.
Comrade W. T. Dillon, Camp No. 47, Fort Baker.
Comrade E. Linnel, Camp No. 48, Visalia.
Comrade C. E. Daniels, Camp No. 51, Pomona.
Comrade Frank E. Shearer, Camp No. 52, Chico.
Comrade F. E. Peaslack, Camp No. 54, Eureka.
Comrade R. M. Galbreth, Camp No. 56, Los Angeles.
Comrade Harry S. Russill, Camp No. 57, Escondido.
Comrade C. J. Dutreaux, Camp No. 58, Fort McDowell.
Comrade Robert Sherwood, Camp No. 59, Coronado.

Department of Illinois

Comrade Joseph Long, Camp No. 29, Chicago.
Comrade Jacob Clemmons, Camp No. 33, Streator.
Comrade Thomas R. Patton, Camp No. 56, Chicago.
Comrade J. L. Sweeney, Camp No. 61, East St. Louis.
Comrade John M. Tipton, Camp No. 64, Springfield.
Comrade James Burns, Camp No. 65, Kankakee.
Comrade J. J. Woodman, Camp No. 68, Virden.
Comrade William H. Betts, Camp No. 69, Canton.
Comrade J. H. Young, Camp No. 66, West Frankfort.
Comrade Chas. M. Sneed, Camp No. 77, McLeansboro.

Department of New Jersey

Comrade Ward G. Berry, Camp No. 5, Hackensack.

Department of New York

Comrade Hyman Finkelstone, Camp No. 3, Bronx.
Comrade William O. Bailey, Camp No. 8, Mount Vernon.
Comrade Joseph E. Allen, Jr., Camp No. 18, Brooklyn.
Comrade Hiram C. Todd, Camp No. 58, Saratoga Springs.
Comrade John A. Prodo, Camp No. 98, Brooklyn.
Comrade John E. Clare, Camp No. —, New York City.
Comrade James Tweed, Camp-at-Large, Newburgh.

Department of Pennsylvania

Comrade Joseph Essex, Scranton.
Comrade Nicholas Birtel, Scranton.
Comrade S. W. Ford, Pittsburgh.

2. The following corrections are ordered:

National Aides-de-Camp

Comrade Henry M. Taylor, listed as Henry C., Department of Ohio.

Comrade William A. Mullins, listed as William B., Department of Washington and Alaska.

Committee on Finance

Comrade Meyer Hurwitz, listed as Department of Missouri, Department of Illinois.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

JERE A. COSTELLO,
Adjutant-General.

Official:

CHAS. J. DE BERARD,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

CHEMICAL BUILDING

ST. LOUIS, MO., *December* 23, 1915.

General Orders No. 9

Series 1915–16

1. The following charters have been issued:

Department of California

Richter-McKinnon Camp No. 2, San Francisco.
Fred D. Grant Camp No. 57, Escondido.

Department of Kansas

Charles Herzer Camp No. 22, Dodge City.

Department of Oregon

George Starmer Camp No. 19, Roseburg.

Department of Texas

Hamilton Fish Camp No. 2, El Paso.

Provisional Division of Arizona

Buckey O'Neill Camp No. 2, Tucson.

2. The following Camp has been instituted:

Department of New Jersey

Ensign Worth Bagley Camp No. 21.

3. The following charters have been approved:

Department of Connecticut

Camp at Bristol, Conn.

Department of Florida

Camp at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Department of Illinois

Camp at Oak Park, Ill.

Department of Pennsylvania

Camp at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Important Notice

Comrades addressing the Adjutant-General in reference to pension matters will facilitate his work by giving their full service and the number of the claim at the Pension Bureau, which is the only means of identification of the papers at that office. In case the claim is a widow's, minor's or dependent's, care must be exercised in giving the correct name and relationship of the claimant and the service of the deceased soldier.

National Defense

4. One of the most vital problems before the American people to-day is that of Preparedness and Defense.

In advance of the official issue of the U. S. W. V. Constitution, now being prepared, I wish to quote you the sections bearing on these subjects:

"7th. To encourage and promote the maintenance of an adequate military and naval establishment in our country, and an efficient military and naval force in the several States, with a proper system for organizing a volunteer army in time of war.

"8th. To educate our people to a sense of the necessity for making provision for National defense, and to the importance of educating and maintaining the youth of the land, so that they may be able efficiently to serve their country and defend the flag in time of war.

"9th. To so develop the Order that it may be a valuable aid to the army and navy and the Government during any future war."

These provisions in our Constitution were adopted more than two years ago, and before the present European war was ever thought of.

It is my earnest desire that every Camp in the U. S. W. V. adopt some form of resolution on the subject of National defense and preparedness and forward copies to their members of Congress, United States Senators and the President of the United States.

This is one of the greatest opportunities our organization has ever had to be of special service to our country — a service that we are called upon to give, as provided in our Constitution.

5. Your attention is called to the Widows and Orphans' Pension bill, officially known as the "Key bill, H. R. 54."

Every Camp in the U. S. W. V. should at once pass resolutions in behalf of this bill, as suggested in the letter of the chairman of the Committee on Legislation of November 15, 1915, forwarding copies to Headquarters, as well as to your Senators and Representatives, as these will be presented to the committee and should have great weight.

6. Attention of all Camps is called to the *amended provisions* in regard to *honorary membership,* which are a part of the Constitution, and as such will be copied into the Rules and Regulations.

These provisions were published in the October issue of The American Standard in advance of the official issue of the Constitution, ordered printed by the Twelfth National Encampment, "*Important Action on Constitution.*" It is extremely important that it be understood that all elections to honorary membership,

aside from those of the older veterans, must have the sanction of the Department Commander, as well as that of National Headquarters, and that no musters must take place until these sanctions have been obtained.

7. Camps are earnestly urged to subscribe as a whole for The American Standard.

Comrades, the only way that news of the organization is disseminated is through the columns of The American Standard. "General Orders" are published only in this way. News of vital importance to the members of the organization is contained in every issue. National Headquarters furnishes three copies to each Camp in the organization for the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster, but National Headquarters feels that every member of the organization should receive the paper; and, therefore, again earnestly urge the Camps to subscribe as a whole.

8. Notice is hereby given that the per capita tax for term ending December 31, 1915, is now due and payable. Department and Camp officers are requested to get their reports in promptly.

Notice

9. The following changes in prices are ordered:

Rituals	25c. each
Books of Ceremonies	35c. each
Rules and Regulations —	
Cloth	40c. each
Leather	75c. each

Not subject to discount.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

JERE A. COSTELLO,

Adjutant-General.

Official:

CHAS. J. DE BERARD,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

National Officers, U. S. W. V.

Commander-in-Chief — Hon. L. C. Dyer, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., or St. Louis, Mo.

Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief — Neil F. McDonald, 10 Tremont street, Charlestown, Mass.

Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief — Edward R. Conley, 130 Washington avenue, Scranton, Pa.

Deputy Commanders-in-Chief — L. E. Toomey, Hawaii; Albert Bryan, Philippine Islands; Harrison Johnson, Caguas, P. R.

Chief of Staff — William Jones, 4380 Carpenter avenue, New York City.

Adjutant-General — Jere A. Costello, Southern Building, Washington, D. C.

Quartermaster-General — Arnold Meyer, 1112 Chemical Building, St. Louis, Mo.

Inspector-General — Thomas Goldingay, 88 E. Kinney street, Newark, N. J.

Judge Advocate-General — John T. Curtin, Washington Building, Los Angeles, Cal.

Surgeon-General — Dr. S. Clifford Cox, 2018 I street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Chaplain-in-Chief — Rev. John Randolph, Sixth U. S. Inf., El Paso, Tex.

Patriotic Instructor — Sheridan Ferree, 3465 Macomb street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Provost Marshal — John J. Allen, Police Headquarters, Norfolk, Va.

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Assistant Quartermaster-General — Joseph L. Chamberlain, Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo.

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National Headquarters

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

Chemical Building

St. Louis, Mo., *January* 15, 1916.

General Orders No. 10

Series 1915–16

1. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief

Department of Indiana

Comrade F. R. Bonifield, Camp No. 1, Indianapolis.
Comrade J. Conrad Shade, Camp No. 4, Warsaw.
Comrade W. S. Trachsel, Camp No. 5, Elkhart.
Comrade A. H. Kuhlman, Camp No. 14, Auburn.
Comrade Roy C. Norris, Camp No. 20, Richmond.
Comrade Wilbur Ryman, Camp No. 21, Muncie.
Comrade John O. Fryer, Camp No. 32, Marion.
Comrade William F. Ranke, Camp No. 36, Fort Wayne.
Comrade Charles F. Harman, Camp No. 37, Evansville.
Comrade A. W. Dudley, Camp No. 38, Terre Haute.
Comrade James F. Powell, Camp No. 39, Indianapolis.
Comrade Harold M. Kromer, Camp No. 46, Frankfort.
Comrade Eugene Hawkins, Camp No. 48, Greencastle.
Comrade Edward S. Harvey, Camp No. 49, Lebanon.
Comrade J. O. Murphy, Camp No. 50, Wabash.

Department of Minnesota

Comrade Henri Jacob, Camp No. 2, St. Paul.

Department of New York

Comrade Edward J. Palmquist, Binghamton.
Comrade George W. Bradley, New York.

Department of Pennsylvania

Comrade James J. O'Malley, Camp No. 41, Scranton.
Comrade Thomas W. Hegarty, Camp No. 19, Wilkes-Barre.

Department of Rhode Island

Comrade John Kelly, Camp No. 1, Providence.
Comrade Christopher J. Cooper, Camp No. 3, Newport.
Comrade Cornelius F. Doyle, Camp No. 4, Providence.
Comrade Arthur N. Nash, Camp No. 6, Westerly.
Comrade Thomas T. McGee, Camp No. 7, Woonsocket.
Comrade John A. Cronin, Camp No. 8, Pawtucket.

Department of Wisconsin

Comrade John Streich, Camp No. 1, Oshkosh.
Comrade William Abel, Camp No. 2, Manitowoc.
Comrade H. F. Heckert, Camp No. 3, Appleton.
Comrade W. W. Robinson, Camp No. 4, Milwaukee.
Comrade A. J. Obenberger, Camp No. 5, Milwaukee.
Comrade Willard T. Saucerman, Camp No. 6, Monroe.
Comrade Harry Means, Camp No. 7, Beloit.
Comrade Joseph Trivlso, Camp No. 8, Menomonie.
Comrade F. F. Imig, Camp No. 9, Fort Atkinson.
Comrade A. F. Schmidt, Camp No. 10, Madison.
Comrade Herbert F. Zernecke, Camp No. 11, La Crosse.
Comrade Albert Toepfer, Camp No. 12, Sheboygan.
Comrade Ben Anderson, Camp No. 16, Racine.
Comrade H. H. Williams, Camp No. 17, Sparta.
Comrade John S. Foat, Camp No. 18, Ripon.
Comrade J. P. Inda, Camp No. 19, Milwaukee.
Comrade Claude R. Soule, Camp No. 20, Tomah.
Comrade Matt Conroy, Camp No. 21, Whitewater.
Comrade H. W. Klopf, Camp No. 22, Neillsville.
Comrade C. W. Mooney, Camp No. 23, Janesville.
Comrade F. W. Cushing, Camp No. 25, Portage.
Comrade F. A. Russell, Camp No. 26, Superior.
Comrade E. S. Pearsall, Camp No. 27, Eau Claire.
Comrade Carl Quam, Camp No. 30, Stoughton.
Comrade Asa Baldwin, Camp No. 31, Mauston.
Comrade Otto H. Vorpahl, Camp No. 32, Beaver Dam.
Comrade F. G. Dana, Camp No. 33, Milwaukee.
Comrade William E. Otis, Camp No. 34, Ashland.
Comrade Major Greene, Camp No. 35, Marinette.

Comrade Harvey Irish, Camp No. 36, Washburn.
Comrade Frank Drake, Camp No. 37, Wausau.

Provisional Division of North Dakota

Comrade William A. Witter, Camp No. 2, Ray.

Unattached

Comrade R. C. Shady, Chagres 1, Canal Zone.

2. The appointment of Comrade Gustav Orth as Commander of the Provisional Division of Arkansas is hereby revoked, and the office is declared vacant.

Important Notice

Attention is directed to Sec. 1, Art. 8, Part 6, Rules and Regulations, which specifically provides that all articles issued by National Headquarters, "Shall be *exclusively* used." Any Comrade, Camp or Department purchasing elsewhere do so in direct violation of the Rules and Regulations. Some firms are duplicating some of the supplies of our Order, and advertising same at a cut-rate, hence this notice.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

JERE A. COSTELLO,
Adjutant-General.

Official:

CHAS. J. DE BERARD,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

CHEMICAL BUILDING

ST. LOUIS, MO., *January* 22, 1916.

General Orders No. 11

Series 1915–16

1. The following Camps have been reorganized:

Department of Oregon

Malabon Camp No. 6, Pendleton.

Department of Texas

Hamilton Fish Camp No. 2, El Paso.
Louis A. Holman Camp No. 3, Paris.

2. The following charters have been issued:

Department of California

Richter McKinnon Camp No. 2, San Francisco. (Consolidation of Reinhold Richter Camp No. 2 and William D. McKinnon Camp No. 38.)
Fred D. Grant Camp No. 57, Escondido.

Department of Kansas

Charles Herzer Camp No. 22, Dodge City.

Department of Oregon

George Starmer Camp No. 19, Roseburg.

Department of Texas

Hamilton Fish Camp No. 2, El Paso.

Department of Virginia

Gen. Henry C. Hasbrough Camp No. 6, Suffolk.

3. The following Camps have been instituted:

Provisional Division of Arizona

Buckey O'Neill Camp No. 2, Tucson.

Department of Connecticut

Arthur E. Hadsell Camp No. 21, Bristol.

Department of Florida

Gen. Leonard Wood Camp No. 8, St. Petersburg.

Department of Massachusetts

Slater Camp No. 59, Webster.

Department of Pennsylvania

Adna R. Chaffee Camp No. 72, Pittsburgh.

4. The following applications for charter have been approved:
Camp at New Orleans, La., 9th U. S. V. Immunes.
Camp at Reno, Provisional Division, Nevada.
Camp at Bath, Department of New York.

5. Col. Allen Allensworth Camp No. 21 is hereby detached from the Department Veteran Army of Philippines, and is designated Col. Allen Allensworth Camp No. 21, unattached.

6. A resolution was passed at the Twelfth National Encampment setting aside the sum of three thousand ($3,000) dollars for the Reserve Fund.

I realized that if this resolution, reserving three thousand ($3,000) dollars was complied with, there would be no working fund for the four (4) months before the new tax was due; therefor, I submitted the matter to the National Council of Administration in the following letter:

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:

1. At Scranton the Twelfth National Encampment adopted a resolution providing that the sum of $3,000 of the *surplus* funds of the National organization be placed in the Reserve Fund and specified by whom and in what manner this amount should be invested.

2. The action of the National Encampment in thus providing for the addition of $3,000 to the Reserve Fund of the Order was based on the supposition that the amount, exceeding $5,000, stated in the Adjutant-General's report to have been on hand in the General Fund at the time the report was made up, would not suffer any reduction, except by reason of the draft made upon it by the addition to the Reserve Fund, and that, in fact, after providing for this draft, a clear balance of over $2,000 would be available for the use of the present administration. It will be shown that this supposition was incorrect, and that the action of the Encampment was based upon a false premise.

3. Among the resolutions adopted at Scranton was one appropriating the sum of $1,800, to be paid to Adjutant-General Rogers, in lieu of salary. This payment was made, and properly so, before the funds of the Order were turned over to the present administration, and certain bills were also paid, so that the amount turned over to me was exactly $3,447.62, and against it there stood additional bills unpaid, amounting to $650.72, which reduced the amount available at the beginning of this administration to $2,796.90. Out of this amount must be paid the cost of printing and mailing the Proceedings of the Twelfth National Encampment, and the bill of the official stenographer, and the remainder will be no more than a fair balance with which to carry on the work of the administration until another installment of the per capita tax begins to be paid. It is apparent, therefore, that no *surplus* now exists that can safely be placed in the Reserve Fund.

4. While it may be possible for me to carry out the will of the National Encampment in the matter of the addition voted to be made to the Reserve Fund during my administration, it does not seem probable that I shall be able to do so without very seriously crippling the work of the administration and leaving undone highly important obligations placed upon me by the Encampment. Our Order is still in the constructive period of its existence. The work of the extension of the Order, in securing legislation, and all other necessary activities must be pushed energetically, and the experience of those who have been most successful in carrying forward the work of the Order has been that all these things cost money. Furthermore, the present administration will have to bear

many extraordinary expenses. The Constitution and the other additions to our laws must be printed and distributed to the organization. A complete edition of the Book of Ceremonies must be printed and the pages electrotyped. The Encampment voted that a directory of the organization should be prepared and distributed, which will entail a large expense. The Encampment also voted that the city at which shall be held the stated Convention of the Thirteenth National Encampment shall not be called upon to pay any of the expenses of Headquarters, which have been borne by Convention cities in the last six years, and this item will probably mean an additional expense to the National organization of about $700.

5. On the whole, it appears to me that the expenditures during my administration will be likely to absorb the income received from all sources, and that if I turn over to my successor an absolutely clear balance amounting to approximately what I have received from the past administration, no more can reasonably be expected. An amendment to our laws, adopted at Scranton, specifically provides that the Commander-in-Chief, with the approval of a majority of the members of the National Council of Administration, shall be authorized to take such action, in an emergency, as he may deem necessary in the premises. I therefore earnestly request you, as a member of the National Council, to authorize the suspension of the resolution providing for an increase of the Reserve Fund until the stated Convention of the Thirteenth National Encampment, and ask that your vote on the matter be forwarded to National Headquarters at an early date.

Yours, in F., P. and H.,

L. C. DYER,

Commander-in-Chief.

Forty-seven (47) votes were cast out of a possible sixty-one (61). All were in favor of suspending this resolution. None against, making it unanimous.

A list of the Council of Administration voting follows:

National Officers

Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.
Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.
Chief of Staff.
Adjutant-General.
Quartermaster-General.
Inspector-General.
Judge Advocate-General.
Surgeon-General.
Chaplain-in-Chief.
National Patriotic Instructor.
Provost Marshal.
National Historian.
Assistant Adjutant-General.
Assistant Quartermaster-General.

Department Commanders

Arizona.
California.
Colorado.
Connecticut.
District of Columbia.
Florida.
Georgia.
Hawaii.
Illinois.
Iowa.
Indiana.
Kansas.
Kentucky.
Maine.
Massachusetts.
Michigan.
Minnesota.
Missouri.
Nebraska.
New Hampshire.
New Jersey.
New Mexico.
New York.
Ohio.
Oklahoma.
Oregon.
Pennsylvania.
South Dakota.
Texas.
Virginia.
Wisconsin.
Department of Potomac.
Department of Columbia.

Notice

On April 1, 1916, a complete roster of officers, National, Department and Camp, will be published. You are directed to take due notice and see that a correct list of officers, with addresses, is sent to National Headquarters.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

JERE A. COSTELLO,
Adjutant-General.

Official:

CHAS. J. DE BERARD,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

CHEMICAL BUILDING

ST. LOUIS, MO., *February* 1, 1916.

Special Orders No. 1

Series 1915–16

A matter near and dear to the heart of the Commander-in-Chief and the members of his Staff, is to actively recruit the ranks of the United Spanish War Veterans by several methods. The first of these is to make the months of February, March and April, 1916, "Booster Months," in which it is urged the efforts and influence of each Comrade be enlisted. The greatest asset to our Organization at this time will be a substantial gain in membership. There are matters of great importance pending, which will require both effort and influence. A large membership spells "Influence."

There are two especially important propositions connected with our desired increase in membership. First, to bring back into the fold those Comrades who have been suspended or dropped. It will be necessary in carrying out this proposition to have two active committees, composed of Comrades who will perform cheerfully and persistently the duties that will be assigned to them. There should be a strong committee on suspended and dropped members. Those who have strayed from the fold should be again interested in the organization, which means so much to them and to all other Comrades. Having interested the suspended and dropped Comrades, it is suggested that in order to bring them back into active membership that the Camps appropriate the amount necessary to reinstate them in good standing. This will not interfere with the finances of the Camps, but will add, in many cases, valuable assistance. I have found nothing in the Rules and Regulations which will prevent the reinstatement of delinquents after they have consented to return to active membership and the Camp has consented to appropriate an amount sufficient to pay the arrearage. This may be appropriated from the relief fund.

The second proposition is the appointment by each Camp of a virile and interested Committee on Recruiting to guide the work of each Comrade in bringing about results. In view of the large number of eligibles in every section of the United States, and the number of active Camps of the United Spanish War Veterans, the "Booster Months" should be productive of great results, if every Comrade will consider it a pleasure to employ some of his leisure time in building up an organization which means so much to him and to all.

In the language of the Chief of Staff, Comrade William Jones: "Camps should be liberal in reinstating suspended and dropped members, particularly where suspension appears to have been caused by the negligence of Camp Officers. Point out to the Trustees the spirit of comradeship which should govern them in handling the question of delinquency." * * * "Never forgetting that your duty is to 'BOOST, HARMONIZE AND BUILD.'"

In the language of the Inspector-General, Comrade Thomas Goldingay: "In the carrying out of this program, the Comrades should be inspired with a spirit of comradeship and love of organization, always remembering that each Comrade who is a member of our organization is an asset, and that it is far better to remit a past indebtedness that may have been caused by financial troubles and place a Comrade in good standing than to have him outside of the organization. 'In Union there is Strength,' and with unity, harmony and strength we shall be including a good many benefits that are missed otherwise. And let us christen the months of February, March and April, 1916, as 'Booster Months.'"

And we ask that each Camp which will adopt these suggestions will so advise the Adjutant-General so that Headquarters will know to what extent the program meets with approval.

The Executive Committee has arranged to reach eligibles who are beyond the geographical limits of existing Camps or Departments, and work in that direction is proceeding. It is hoped that each Comrade will be inspired with the fullness of the occasion, and that in the spirit of Freedom, Patriotism and Humanity all

Camps and Departments will become immediately and actively interested.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

JERE A. COSTELLO,
Adjutant-General.

Official:

CHAS. J. DE BERARD,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

CHEMICAL BUILDING

ST. LOUIS, MO., *February* 17, 1916.

General Orders No. 12

Series 1915–16

The Key Bill Has Passed House of Representatives

The Key bill (H. B. 54), providing pensions for the widows and orphans of our deceased Comrades, passed the House of Representatives Wednesday, February 16th. The United Spanish War Veterans expects every Comrade to do his duty, and that duty is to write the United States Senators from your State urging them to support this most worthy measure when it is up for consideration by the Senate Committee on Pensions and to vote for it when it comes before the Senate.

1. The following charters have been issued:

Department of Oregon

Edward Young Camp No. 18, Astoria.

Department of Pennsylvania

Adna R. Chaffee Camp No. 72, Pittsburgh.

2. The following camp has been instituted:

Department of Virginia

M. B. Rowe Camp No. 2, Fredericksburg.

3. The following applications for charter have been approved:

Camp at Pensacola, Department of Florida.
Camp at Mount Vernon, Department of Illinois.
Camp at Fort Hancock, Department of New Jersey.
Camp at Woodward, Department of Oklahoma.
Camp at Wilkinsburg, Department of Pennsylvania.

4. The following appointments are announced:

Provisional Division Commanders

Arkansas — Comrade Edward P. Johnson, Hot Springs.

5. Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Department of Iowa

Comrade E. S. Olmstead, Camp No. 2, Des Moines.
Comrade B. F. Blocklinger, Camp No. 3, Dubuque.
Comrade W. G. Dows, Camp No. 4, Cedar Rapids.
Comrade E. J. Smock, Camp No. 5, Vinton.
Comrade M. S. Jones, Camp No. 6, Waukon.
Comrade G. W. Dulaney, Jr., Camp No. 8, Clinton.
Comrade D. J. Rhodes, Camp No. 9, Fort Dodge.
Comrade Fred Vollmer, Camp No. 10, Davenport.
Comrade S. O. Lamb, Camp No. 11, Waterloo.
Comrade H. A. Gooch, Camp No. 12, Sioux City.
Comrade G. B. Ogle, Camp No. 13, Centerville.
Comrade S. H. Reilly, Camp No. 14, Marshalltown.
Comrade Otto Hile, Camp No. 15, Boone.
Comrade W. M. Shoening, Camp No. 16, Muscatine.
Comrade L. H. Mayne, Camp No. 17, Emmetsburg.
Comrade Donald Macrae, Camp No. 18, Council Bluffs.
Comrade Marshall Barge, Camp No. 19, Algona.
Comrade C. M. Olson, Camp No. 20, Burlington.
Comrade T. A. Stoessel, Camp No. 21, Ottumwa.

Department of Kentucky

Comrade Charles Lambert, Camp No. 3, Covington.
Comrade George Wasman, Camp No. 3, Covington.
Comrade J. P. Frederickson, Camp No. 4, Lexington.
Comrade J. R. Sams, Camp No. 4, Lexington.

Comrade C. J. Schuester, Camp No. 5, Newport.
Comrade Charles Pohl, Camp No. 5, Newport.
Comrade R. C. Rankin, Camp No. 6, Louisville.
Comrade J. C. McComb, Camp No. 6, Louisville.

Department of Massachusetts

Comrade Everett E. Thompson, Camp No. 6, Boston.
Comrade Frank L. Zelck, Camp No. 12, Arlington Heights.
Comrade Frank J. Nagle, Camp No. 23, Roxbury.

Department of Montana

Comrade Scott Leavitt, Camp No. 4, Great Falls.
Comrade F. A. Varnal, Camp No. 12, Havre.

Department of New York

Comrade George H. King, New York City.
Comrade William S. Snyder, New York City.

Department Veteran Army of the Philippines

Comrade A. E. Tatton, Dept. Adjt., Manila, P. I.

Provisional Division of Maryland

Comrade T. J. Lighthiser, Camp No. 5, Baltimore.

6. The following appointments are hereby revoked:

Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief

Comrade S. O. Lamb, Camp No. 11, Waterloo, Iowa.
Comrade H. A. Gooch, Camp No. 12, Sioux City, Iowa.
Comrade S. H. Reilly, Camp No. 14, Marshalltown, Iowa.
Comrade William F. Schoering, Muscatine, Iowa.
Comrade Ernest S. Olmstead, Des Moines, Iowa.

7. I wish to announce that after working continuously to obtain the proceedings of the Twelfth National Encampment, held at Scranton, Pa., we finally received them from the past administration on Thursday, February 3, 1916, or four months after they were due.

After examining them we found them to include the following:

Report Commander-in-Chief.
Report Chief of Staff (extension).

Report Adjutant-General.
Report Quartermaster-General.
Report Inspector-General.
Report Judge Advocate-General.
Report Surgeon-General.
Report National Historian.
Report National Patriotic Instructor (McCoy, Department Patriotic Instructor), amended financial statement.
Report Committee on Credentials (partial).
Report Auditing Committee.
Report Committee on Legislation.
Report Committee on Resolutions.
Report Committee on Enactments (general).
Report Committee on Enactments (Constitution).
Report Committee on Soldiers' Homes.

The following items are missing:

Complete list of committees (page 18).
Report Committee on Appeals and Grievances (page 28).
List of Delegates (page 35).
Resolutions 12, 13, 14, 16.

The proceedings as received were sent to National Aide-de-Camp, Comrade H. H. Saunders, on February 12th, and they will be prepared and printed for distribution with all dispatch possible.

All delegates and others entitled to copy of Proceedings will please send their names and addresses to National Headquarters, 1112 Chemical Building, St. Louis, Mo., as the list of delegates being missing, no record is at hand for mailing.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

JERE A. COSTELLO,
Adjutant-General.

Official:

CHAS. J. DE BERARD,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS

CHEMICAL BUILDING

ST. LOUIS, MO., *February* 17, 1916.

Special Orders No. 3

Series 1915–16

1. By a typographical error Special Orders promulgated February 1st and published in the February issue of *The American Standard* appears as Special Orders No. 1. It should have been Special Orders No. 2, as Special Orders No. 1 had been previously promulgated in circulating the countersign. Make correction in your files accordingly.

2. It has been brought to the attention of these Headquarters that some Camps never and other Camps seldom publish the General or Special Orders promulgated by the Adjutant-General. This is a flagrant violation of Section 4, Article 6, Part 6, of the Rules and Regulations, which provides:

"General orders and circulars of the Commander-in-Chief shall be binding on all officers of the organization on the receipt of an official copy thereof, and on all Comrades of Camps upon publication, which shall be by reading the same at the meeting of the Camp next following the receipt of the same."

The Commander-in-Chief trusts it will be unnecessary to again call attention to this duty. Disregarding the plain duty, as is laid down by the Rules and Regulations, and ignoring this order, will lay the guilty Comrade liable to prosecution, as is provided for in the Code of Discipline.

3. Orders, General and Special, are promulgated to enlighten the membership of our organization and are published in no other way than through the columns of the Official Organ (*The American Standard*). It is compulsory upon the Commander of the Camp to see that they are read. To insure this, National Headquarters pays for three copies for each Camp in the organization. If you are not receiving them, send the names and addresses of the

Camp Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster to *The American Standard,* Washington, D. C.; also to the Official Editor, Comrade James E. Maynard, 1438 Meridian street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

JERE A. COSTELLO,
Adjutant-General.

Official:

CHAS. J. DE BERARD,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

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ST. LOUIS, MO., *March* 22, 1916.

General Orders No. 13

Series 1915–16

Key Bill Ordered Reported by Senate Committee on Pensions without Amendment

The Key bill (H. R. 54) is another step nearer the goal; it having been ordered reported (without amendment) by the Committee on Pensions of the Senate, Monday, March 20, 1916.

It will now take its place upon the calendar of the Senate, awaiting action of that body.

Comrades, you have responded nobly in the past when called upon to urge action on this most worthy measure, and to your efforts is due the favorable position which the bill now occupies. But your work is not yet completed. The Committee on Legislation and National Headquarters can accomplish nothing without your aid, and the entire membership of our beloved Organization is now called upon to exert every ounce of influence that it can command in behalf of this legislation. Do this by getting everyone at home to let your Senators know that the people of this great

American Nation is willing, yes, anxious, to contribute to the support of those unfortunate women and children left destitute by the death of the men who offered their all (their lives, if need be) for their country. The Congress of the United States wants only to know what the people desire, and if you can get the people to let them know that they are in favor of this most worthy legislation, then you can feel assured that both houses of Congress will see to it that the people get what they ask for.

Attention, Department Commanders

1. The "important" stickers, sent by the Committee on Legislation to the several Department Headquarters, were for the purpose of distribution among the Camps of each Department. Department Commanders are expected to see to it that this purpose is fulfilled.

2. Camps are requested to send to the Adjutant-General, through channels, the names and last known addresses of the widows of deceased Comrades; also the number of children, if any, and their ages. This information can be obtained by announcing this request at Camp meetings, having each Comrade give the name and address of such widows as he knows, and the Camps in turn sending it to Department Headquarters and Department Headquarters forwarding it to the Adjutant-General. This will avoid duplication and place on file at National Headquarters a comprehensive and near-correct list of the widows and orphans of our deceased Comrades.

3. It is earnestly urged that Camps compile rosters of their membership and have same printed in pamphlet form of vest-pocket size, furnishing a couple of copies to National Headquarters and the same to Department Headquarters. It would be well to distribute copies among the membership. This has proven of immense benefit wherever done.

4. Letters and telegrams arriving at National Headquarters indicate that patriotism burns just as strongly in the hearts of the members of our Order as it did eighteen years ago, when President McKinley called for volunteers for the Spanish War, and should the situation in Mexico necessitate a call for volun-

teers, the President will find the United Spanish War Veterans ready to respond as readily as they did in 1898.

It is meet and proper that the United Spanish War Veterans should be properly represented as an organization in the campaign in Mexico, if one becomes necessary, and their experience, gained through their service in Cuba and in the Philippine Islands, during the years 1898 to 1902, will prove of inestimable value in a campaign such as would be necessary in Mexico, a semi-tropical land and one similar in many respects to Cuba and the Philippine Islands.

Camp Adjutants are hereby directed to make up a roll of all Comrades in good standing, whether soldiers, sailors or marines, who stand ready to again volunteer. The names, addresses and past service of each Comrade who is willing to volunteer should be given. When this is obtained, forward list to Department Headquarters and one to National Headquarters. We earnestly hope that it will never become necessary for the Comrades of our Organization to again take up arms in defense of the Nation's honor, but if such a call does come, we expect, and we have no reason to believe we will be disappointed, that the Comrades of the United Spanish War Veterans will readily respond to their country's call.

Homestead Entries

5. The Commander-in-Chief calls the attention of Comrades to those sections of the Revised Statutes which permit soldiers, sailors and marines of the war with Spain and the insurrection in the Philippines to make homestead entries, and to the rights of widows and minor children of deceased soldiers, sailors and marines also to make such entries.

In determining the rights of veterans in applying for unoccupied Government lands, under sections 2304–2309 of the Revised Statutes, the Spanish War and the Philippine Insurrection is held to have lasted from April 21, 1898, to July 15, 1903, and the applicant must have served not less than 90 days in the Army or Navy. Those desiring full information on the subject should write to the Commissioner, General Land Office, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C., and request to be furnished with Circular No. 302.

Information Wanted

Any Comrade knowing the present whereabouts of Wesley A. Miner, late private of Company A, 32d Michigan Volunteer Infantry, will kindly send such information to H. H. and B. E. Barlow, attorneys-at-law, Coldwater, Mich. This law firm wishes to get in touch with Comrade Miner to get his evidence in behalf of the pension claim of Comrade Ernest Shank, late private in the same regiment.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

JERE A. COSTELLO,
Adjutant-General.

Official:

CHAS. J. DE BERARD,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

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March 25, 1916.

General Orders No. 14

Series 1915–16

1. The following charters have been issued:

Department of Florida

General Leonard A. Wood Camp No. 8.

Department of Pennsylvania

Corporal Joseph A. Blakely Camp No. 71.

Department of Virginia

M. B .Rowe Camp No. 2.

Provisional Division of Maryland

General Henry W. Lawton Camp No. 5.

2. The following Camps have been instituted:

Department of Florida

Colonel W. P. William Camp No. 9, Pensacola.

Department of New Jersey

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 34, Fort Hancock.

Department of Oklahoma

Woodward Camp No. 18, Woodward.

Provisional Division of Louisiana

Ninth U. S. V. Immunes Camp No. 12, New Orleans.

Provisional Division of Nevada

Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 7, Reno.

3. The following charters have been approved:

Camp at Richmond, Department of California.
Camp at Chicago, Department of Illinois.
Camp at Owensboro, Department of Kentucky.
Camp at Hastings, Department of Michigan.
Camp at Hollidaysburg, Department of Pennsylvania.
Camp at Fort Smith, Provisional Division of Arkansas.

4. The following charter has been revoked:

Department of California

Stotsenburg Camp No. 46, Richmond.

5. The following appointments are announced:

PROVISIONAL DIVISION COMMANDER

Maryland

Comrade John G. Baker, Baltimore.

6. Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Department of Connecticut

Comrade Louis Silvernail, Camp No. 4, Hartford.
Comrade Harry J. Keena, Camp No. 9, Norwalk.
Comrade J. W. Baisley, Camp No. 10, Branford.

Comrade Frederick P. Houston, Camp No. 12, Waterbury.
Comrade Charles J. Hultman, Camp No. 13, S. Manchester.
Comrade John E. Gawtrey, Camp No. 14, Rockville.

Department of Illinois

Comrade A. C. Risteau, Camp No. 2, Chicago.
Comrade Perry A. Lyons, Camp No. 6, Chicago.

Department of Montana

Comrade L. P. Sanders, Camp No. 1, Butte.
Comrade J. J. Caswell, Camp No. 3, Kalispell.
Comrade George C. Jackson, Camp No. 6, Anaconda.
Comrade John McCarthy, Camp No. 9, Ft. Missoula.

Department of New York

Comrade John A. Hickey, Camp No. 87, New York City.

Department of Pennsylvania

Comrade Walter Q. Keen, Camp No. 61, Philadelphia.

Department of Veteran Army of the Philippines

Comrade C. D. Upington, at large.
Comrade Gustaf Schlacter, at large.
Comrade William Bish, at large.
Comrade G. E. Kelsch, at large.
Comrade Samuel Silverman, at large.
Comrade Fred Warren, at large.
Comrade G. E. Campbell, at large.

Department of Virginia

Comrade Maurice L. Bolling, Camp No. 2, Fredericksburg.

7. Comrade C. W. R. Von Radesky is hereby removed from office as Commander, Provisional Division of Nevada.

8. The resignation as National Aide-de-Camp of Comrade Hyman Finkelstone, of Camp No. 23, Department of New York, is hereby accepted.

Notice: The special prices on Rules and Regulations, Rituals and Books of Ceremonies, as promulgated in paragraph 8, Gen-

eral Orders No. 9, are hereby revoked and prices restored to those as printed on the Requisition Sheets.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

JERE A. COSTELLO,
Adjutant-General.

Official:

CHAS. J. DE BERARD,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

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ST. LOUIS, MO., *March* 25, 1916.

Special Orders No. 4

Series 1915–16

In accordance with sub-section "b," Section 11, Article 2, Part 5, Rules and Regulations, dispensation is hereby granted to all National Aides-de-Camp to muster-in recruits as follows:

(a) When a recruit, by reason of business, illness or other reason, is unable to attend a meeting of the Camp for the purpose of muster-in, and such reason is satisfactory to the Camp as attested by vote of the Camp, any National Aide-de-Camp is hereby granted authority to visit the recruit and administer the muster-in obligation in person when requested to do so by the Camp, as attested in writing under seal of the Camp.

(b) When, by reason of distance from the meeting place, a recruit cannot attend a meeting of the Camp and a National Aide-de-Camp's assistance is solicited by vote of the Camp, as attested in writing under seal of the Camp, then the Aide-de-Camp is hereby granted authority to forward to the recruit a copy of the muster-in obligation, instructing him in the proper manner of subscribing thereto, and when returned to him, properly subscribed, the National Aide-de-Camp shall attest and subscribe thereto and forward same to the Camp interested.

(c) Whenever the action as set out in sub-section "a" or sub-section "b" of this paragraph is to be taken, the National Aide-de-Camp shall explain to the recruit the reason for such action, and when the muster-in is complete, the National Aide-de-Camp shall make a proper report thereof to both National and Department Headquarters.

(d) National Aides-de-Camp are admonished to be particularly careful that the recruit has been properly elected in accordance with Sections 2, 3, 4 and 6, Article 2, Part 5, Rules and Regulations, except where the applicant is to be a member at large, then such applicant's application must have the approval of National Headquarters.

(e) Nothing in this dispensation is to be construed as authority to administer the muster-in obligation, except in strict accordance with the provisions, as set out in the above sub-sections of this paragraph.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

JERE A. COSTELLO,
Adjutant-General.

Official:

CHAS. J. DE BERARD,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

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ST. LOUIS, MO., *April* 16, 1916.

General Orders No. 16

Series 1915–16

The Constitution

1. By General Orders No. 15, of date of April 1, 1916, was promulgated The Constitution of the United Spanish War Veterans, which is the supreme law of the Order, and will be ready for distribution in about thirty days.

Key Bill Passes Senate with One More Push

Every Comrade, everywhere, get every friend to write the United States Senators of your respective States to urge them to call up and pass H. R. 54 (known as the Key bill) pensioning widows and orphans of officers and enlisted men of the Spanish War and Philippine Insurrection. Write to-night and get your friends to write to-morrow.

Memorial Day

2. On May 5, 1868, Gen. John A Logan, the then Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, promulgated General Orders instituting Memorial Day, and designating May 30 of that year, and each recurring 30th of May, as the day to be set aside for paying homage to all deceased Comrades.

In the Book of Ceremonies of the United Spanish War Veterans there is a prescribed service for this occasion, and it is ordered that this prescribed service be used. It is not intended that all other forms of exercises be discontinued, but that that prescribed by our Order shall be used.

Membership at Large

3. It is the policy of this administration to enroll every possible eligible into the Order and, in furtherance of this policy, a roll has been established, under the heading "Membership at Large," to take into our ranks the Comrades living remote from meeting places of organized Camps. Comrades aware of the location of such eligibles are requested to send the names and addresses to Assistant Adjutant-General Charles J. de Berard, Chemical Bldg., St. Louis, Mo., who will send them a special form of application with full instructions.

In the month of March thirty-two were enrolled in the "Membership at Large," and it is hoped and expected to increase this gain during the month of April.

National Leprosarium

4. There are pending in Congress bills providing for the establishing of a National Sanatorium for the treatment and care of victims of leprosy. Most of the victims of this dread disease contracted it in the Philippine Islands and in China, while in the

service, and it behooves the members of this Organization to assist in the passage of this legislation.

Senator Ransdell of Louisiana introduced in the Senate a bill known as "S. 4086," establishing a National Leprosarium, upon which extensive hearings have been held; and the Senator has requested our support of this measure. Camps and Comrades are earnestly urged to comply with Senator Ransdell's suggestion as appears in the following quotation from a letter of recent date received from him:

"Your Organization certainly can help to create sentiment in favor of the bill. I would suggest that you pass strong resolutions, and then write all your Senators and Congressmen, urging them to support the establishment of a national leprosarium.

(Signed) "JOS. E. RANSDELL."

Rifle Clubs

5. The establishment of rifle clubs within the Camps is a matter of the utmost importance. Such clubs can be organized and equipped promptly by communicating with "The National Board for Promotion of Rifle Practice," War Department, Washington, D. C.

Upon receipt of your communication, blank forms and full instructions will be sent.

Mexican Service

6. The response to the appeal to the Camps and Departments for an expression as to how many of our Comrades were ready to offer their services should there be a call made for Mexico, was most gratifying. Lack of space precludes the possibility of publishing all returns. The Commander-in-Chief, however, takes this means of commending the Comrades for their sterling patriotism and devotion to country, and to express his heartfelt appreciation for their unstinted loyalty.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

JERE A. COSTELLO,
Adjutant-General.

Official:

CHAS. J. DE BERARD,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

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ST. LOUIS, MO., *April* 22, 1916.

General Orders No. 17

Series 1915–16

Thirteenth National Encampment

In accordance with Section 3, Article 5, Part 2, "Rules and Regulations," the stated Convention of the Thirteenth National Encampment is hereby called to convene at Chicago, Illinois, September 4, 1916.

1. The following charters have been issued:

Department of Illinois

Fred Bennitt Camp No. 3, Pontiac.
Bob Evans Camp No. 76, Chicago.

Department of Pennsylvania

Corporal Joseph A. Blakely Camp No. 71, Indiana.

Department of Oklahoma

Woodward Camp No. 78, Woodward.

Provision Division of Arizona

Bucky O'Neil Camp No. 2, Tucson.

Provisional Division of Maryland

General Henry W. Lawton Camp No. 5, Baltimore.

2. The following Camps have been instituted:

Department of Illinois

Frank S. Dixon Camp No. 81, Mount Vernon.
Pana Camp No. 83, Pana.
Myers Camp No. 84, Carmi.

Provisional Division of Arkansas

Robert D. Kuhn Camp No. 3, Fort Smith.

Provisional Division of Louisiana

Hayden Y. Grubbs Camp No. 3, New Orleans.

Unattached

Ninth U. S. Vol. Immunes Camp No. 12, New Orleans, La.

3. The following applications for charter have been approved:

Camp at Keokuk, Department of Iowa.

Camp at Recruit Depot, Fort Slocum, Department of New York.

4. The following appointments are announced:

AIDES-DE-CAMP ON THE STAFF OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Department of the District of Columbia

Comrade James Otis Leman, Camp No. 1, Washington.
Comrade Wm. D. Huston, Camp No. 10, Washington.

Department of Massachusetts

Comrade James J. Harrington, Camp No. 4, South Boston.
Comrade Herbert L. Button, Camp No. 8, Gardner.
Comrade Charles P. Flanagan, Camp No. 14, Charlestown.
Comrade James A. Mandeville, Camp No. 20, Brockton.
Comrade Frank Sandland, Camp No. 29, Taunton.
Comrade William B. Gould, Camp No. 34, Readville.
Comrade Cyrus F. Lamb, Camp No. 44, Malden.

Department of New Jersey

Comrade William J. Briody, Camp No. 1, Paterson.

Department of New York

Comrade John M. Niemeyer, Camp No. 29, New York City.
Comrade Daniel Cullinane, Camp No. 46, New York City.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

JERE A. COSTELLO,
Adjutant-General.

Official:

CHAS. J. DE BERARD,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

KEY BILL (H. R. 54) ON SENATE CALENDAR

Comrades, Put Your Shoulders to the Wheel

Comrades: The Widows and Orphans' Pension bill (H. R. 54) was reported favorably by the Senate Committee on Pensions to the Senate March 22, and is now on the calendar, subject to being called up.

The bill is in a favorable position for success, but inactivity of the membership of the U. S. W. V. at this particular stage may mean failure for this worthy measure.

Now, Comrades, every Comrade, everywhere, write the Senators from your States AT ONCE, asking that they use their influence in having H. R. 54 (Key bill) taken up for action in the Senate.

Write now, to-day. No matter if you have written before, WRITE AGAIN, and get every Comrade of your acquaintance to write along the same lines.

Send replies received from your Senators to me.

Fraternally yours,

DANIEL V. CHISHOLM,

Chairman, Committee on Legislation, U. S. W. V.,

Southern Building, Washington, D. C.

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ST. LOUIS, MO., *May* 15, 1916.

General Orders No. 19

Series 1915–16

Book of Cremonies

1. By General Orders No. 18, of date of May 1, 1916, was published the Book of Ceremonies, United Spanish War Veterans, which was promulgated by General Orders No. 14, Series 1912–13, and which is now ready for distribution.

Key Bill Awaiting Action of Senate

Comrades: The United States Senate is willing to pass this bill (H. R. 54), but your Senators have much to occupy their minds and much to take up their time, still will gladly respond to the unanimous call of the United Spanish War Veterans and their friends, so let's make the call unanimous. Get busy, get your friends busy, and convince the Senators that America wants to help the widows and orphans of her fighting men.

Recruit the Ranks

2. Speed up, Comrades; get the eligibles in! Our influence, our prestige, our importance and our value to the nation depend upon our strength.

With over four hundred thousand eligible to our ranks, our membership should be over four hundred thousand, and it is up to you- Comrades, to show to those who should be within our ranks that it is a great honor to wear the little bronze button that proclaims to the world that they fought for their country.

3. The following Camps have been reorganized:

Department of Minnesota

Schaumkessel Camp No. 10, Waseca.

Department of Oklahoma

Bartlesville Camp No. 14, Bartlesville.

4. The following charters have been issued:

Department of Florida

Col. W. F. Williams Camp No. 9, Pensacola.

Department of Massachusetts

Gen. Samuel C. Lawrence Camp No. 30, Medford.

Provisional Division of Arkansas

Robert D. Kuhn Camp No. 3, Fort Smith.

5. The following Camps have been instituted:

Department of Indiana

Lieut. Oliver M. Tichenor Camp No. 51, Princeton.

Department of Iowa

George V. Jenkins Camp No. 22, Keokuk.

Department of the Potomac

George Berry Camp No. 10, Washington, D. C.

6. The following reports of first meetings have been received:

Department of New York

Private William F. Murphy Camp, Albany.

Department of Pennsylvania

Col. Frank P. Rutledge Camp No. 75, Pittsburgh.

7. The following applications for charter have been received:

Department of New Jersey

Camp at Atlantic City.

Department of New York

Camp at Peekskill.

Department of Pennsylvania

Camp at Philadelphia.

8. The following appointments are announced:

Commander, Provisional Division of Nevada, Comrade E. L. Freeman, Reno.

Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Department of Maine

Comrade M. M. Holland, Camp No. 1, Biddeford.
Comrade Charles E. Mathews, Camp No. 4, National Soldiers' Home.
Comrade Merton Kimball, Camp No. 8, Norway.
Comrade Charles S. Tibbetts, Camp No. 9, Rockland.
Comrade John Boyd, Camp No. 11, Waterville.
Comrade William R. Kimball, Camp No. 12, Bath.
Comrade W. E. Barrows, Camp No. 14, Bangor.

Department of Montana

Comrade W. E. Davies, Camp No. 14, Roundup.

Provisional Division of South Dakota

Comrade James Merideth, Camp No. 1, Lead.
Comrade Bert Parkinson, Out Post No. 3, Rapid City.

9. Department Inspectors who have not submitted their reports are hereby directed to do so at once.

Notice

10. Past Department Commanders' jewels may be purchased as follows: Gold filled, at $15; solid gold, at $35.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

JERE A. COSTELLO,
Adjutant-General.

Official:

CHAS. J. DE BERARD,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

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ST. LOUIS, MO., *June* 30, 1916.

General Orders No. 20

Series 1915–16

Per Capita Tax Now Due

1. Notice is hereby given that the per capita tax for the term ending June 30, 1916, is now due and payable. In connection with this the attention of Camp Commanders is called to Sections 1 and 4, Article 12, Part 2, "Rules and Regulations." It is the duty of Camp Commanders to see to it that their Camps are not denied representation in the National Encampment.

Commanders are referred to General Circular No. 1, which they received with the semi-annual report blanks, and are requested to use every effort to get their reports to Headquarters promptly. It is the purpose of National Headquarters to close its books on

August 1st and have its reports printed and sent out in advance of the National Encampment. This is important.

Key Bill Assured of Success

Comrades: Whereas H. R. 54 (the Key bill) is practically assured of success in the present (the 64th) Congress, nevertheless it will take our utmost endeavors and activities to have it enacted into law the present session of this Congress, which is now nearing adjournment, its time being almost exclusively taken up with the large appropriation bills, which, according to the rules of Congress, always have preference. Therefore, it is vital to the success of our measure, H. R. 54, that all Comrades continue to do their duty by keeping it fresh in the minds of the Senators from their respective States, by impressing upon them by correspondence the whole-hearted interest you are taking in this most worthy measure.

Mexican Service

2. That there is still a widespread interest in our organization in the possibility of a war with Mexico is evidenced by the numerous telegrams, letters, resolutions, etc., that are being received at National Headquarters from Comrades, Camps and Departments throughout the organization offering their services in case a call is made for volunteers. This is as it should be. The Commander-in-Chief takes this means of expressing his heartfelt gratification for this spontaneous and almost unanimous display of loyalty and patriotism. All such telegrams, letters, resolutions, etc., as are received at National Headquarters are properly catalogued and filed, and, in the event of hostilities making necessary the call for volunteers, they will receive that favorable consideration to which they are entitled. Plans have been formulated for submission to the proper authorities for recognition of the United Spanish War Veterans as an organization in case a volunteer army becomes necessary which, if favorably acted upon by the powers that be, will give our beloved organization power and authority to organize and officer its own units, in which case the matter will be immediately taken up with the Comrades, Camps and Departments who have placed themselves on record at these Headquarters.

Delay in Furnishing Supplies

3. We exceedingly regret the delay in the filling of requisitions for membership badges and Past Commanders' jewels, but, owing to the scarcity of metal and the high prices to which it has soared, we had an exceeding hard time in placing orders for these supplies that would enable National Headquarters to continue to furnish them at the prices as now fixed. We are glad to announce, however, that we have overcome this difficulty, and orders have been placed for the making of these articles, and the present prices will obtain. The indulgence of the Camps and Departments is requested, and we assure you that all requisitions will be filled with as little further delay as possible.

Reports of Officers and Committees

4. It is the purpose of this administration to publish in pamphlet form the reports of all National officers and committees and to distribute same to the Delegates assembled at the Thirteenth National Encampment at Chicago, Ill., September 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th. The purpose of this is to give to those Comrades entitled to a seat at the Encampment a concise record of the accomplishments and activities of this administration. Officers and chairmen of committees are hereby ordered to compile their reports and to have them in the hands of the Adjutant-General by August 1, 1916.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

JERE A. COSTELLO,
Adjutant-General.

Official:

CHAS. J. DE BERARD,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

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ST. LOUIS, MO., *July* 1, 1916.

General Orders No. 21

Series 1915–16

1. The following Camp has been reorganized:

Provisional Division of Georgia

Wheeler Camp No. 4, Waycross.

2. The following Camps have been instituted:

Department of Michigan

(Name not approved) Camp No. 44, Albion.

Department of Montana

Elmer B. Carter Camp No. 14, Roundup.

Department of New York

James W. Husted Camp No. 104, Peekskill.

Department of Pennsylvania

Col. Frank P. Rutledge Camp No. 75, Pittsburgh.
William P. Messinger Camp No. 76, Philadelphia.
Gen. Willis J. Hulings Camp No. 77, Pittsburgh.

Provisional Division of Tennessee

Benjamin Wright Camp No. 3, Memphis.

3. The following report of first meeting has been received:

Department of Kansas

William McKinley Camp No. 23, Pittsburg.

4. The following applications for charter have been received:

Department of California

Camp at Coalinga.

Department of New Hampshire

Camp at Belnap.

Department of New York

Camp at Norwich.

Department of Washington and Alaska

Camp at Port Angeles.

5. Any Comrade who served, or knows the name and address of others who served, in Company D, Fourth United States Infantry, in the Philippine Islands during 1898 and 1899 will kindly communicate with James A. Cox, Afton, Okla.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

JERE A. COSTELLO,
Adjutant-General.

Official:

CHAS. J. DE BERARD,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

DELEGATES TO DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

Held at Saratoga, N. Y., July 3, 4 and 5, 1916

DELEGATES TO THE DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT HELD AT SARATOGA, N. Y., JULY 3, 4, 5, 1916

Manhattan Camp No. 1

9, 11, 13 East 59th street, New York City

Past Commanders Frank Riley, Paul Stobbe; Delegates A. Lazarus, C. Ruhlman, B. J. Pierce, J. Spelman, F. H. Cohen, M. Mangin, James J. Kelly, R. A. Quigley, Aug. Shappel.

M. D. Russell Camp No. 2

Rensselaer County Court House, Troy, N. Y.

Past Department Commander William J. Cunningham; Commander Edward M. Jackson; Senior Vice-Commander T. J. Falls; Junior Vice-Commander Bert Grace; Past Commanders J. J. Corcoran, George W. McCune, Edward Treambly, James J. O'Connor, William Reilly, Charles Olivier, Eugene C. Herring, Thomas J. Bourke, W. J. Tyner, Jr., Zera D. Link; Delegates Frederick E. Draper, Jr., Joseph J. Connery.

Thomas H. Barber Camp No. 3

State Armory, Binghamton, N. Y.

Past Commanders William Loomis, G. O. Gay, W. T. Hunt; Delegates H. B. Heath, A. Thompson.

William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4

Room 2, Borough Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Commander John Curtin; Past Commanders C. V. Stevens, H. E. Smith, P. S. Rigney; Delegates Chas. Enderle, Wm. A. Perry, Ed. Johnson, Martin McMahon, Morris Sookne, Alfred Meyer.

Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5

Room 2, Borough Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Commander Robt. N. Mackin; Past Commanders James S. Long, William J. Finn, John Daly, Frank H. Wilson; Delegates Edward Fitzsimmons, Percy H. Johnson.

Hon. Stephen Sanford Comp No. 6

East Main and Church streets, Amsterdam, N. Y.

Past Commander J. X. Ahearn; Delegate LeRoy Gaesler.

Niagara Falls Camp No. 7

State Armory, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Serior Vice-Commander Stephen Harder; Past Commander Fred E. Newell.

Warren A. Wilson Camp No. 9

Maccabee Hall, Glen street, Glens Falls, N. Y.

Commander James J. Hogan, Jr.; Vice-Commander W. A. Gatchel; Past Commanders Daniel Wood, P. H. Haselton, Howard McOmber, F. J. Narrow, Praxton Pulver, Chas. Meyerson; Delegate L. J. Carrier.

Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10

148th street and Willis avenue, New York City

Junior Vice-Commander Joseph Jacobs; Past Commander Fred Kuehnle; Delegates Michael Quick, John Finnegan.

Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11

State Armory, Schenectady, N. Y.

Commander John T. McNeff; Senior Vice-Commander C. H. Jeggles; Junior Vice-Commander F. B. Pickert; Past Commanders Martin Hodges, Frank Hoppman, G. V. Johnson, J. S. Strachan, Geo. Hussong; Delegates Thomas G. Spellman, Moses C. Bennett, Thos. W. McDonnell.

Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12

G. A. R. Hall, Buffalo, N. Y.

Commander J. J. Smith; Junior Vice-Commander C. J. M. Frey; Past Commanders Andrew B. Gilfillan, A. F. Kuhn, Albert Hahn; Delegates Thomas E. Boyd, Charles A. Richards, Peter Graber.

14th Regiment Camp No. 14

Armory, 8th avenue and 15th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Delegates Edward Brosnan, Thos. G. Bloght.

Buckey O'Neil Camp No. 15

Best and Jefferson streets, Buffalo, N. Y.

Past Commanders Chas. S. Beilman, Joseph M. Brecker; Delegate John Fehringer.

Admiral Schley Naval Squadron Camp No. 16

Borough Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Senior Vice-Commander J. A. Hocking; Past Commander John A. Walters; Delegates E. Koverick, Louis Sussman, Otto Bruns.

Major-General R. P. Hughes Camp No. 17

951 Genesee street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Past Commander William C. Strauss; Delegate Joseph Roemhild, Jr.

Admiral Philip Camp No. 18

Borough Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Past Commanders J. E. Allen, W. H. Holmes; Delegate John S. Clinton.

Old Guard Camp No. 19

127th street and Lenox avenue, New York City

Senior Vice-Commander John Sigmann; Delegates Charles E. Delvalle, Louis Faigel, John H. O'Connor, Morris Florea.

Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20

Bay and Thompson streets, Stapleton, S. I., Fort Wadsworth, N. Y.

Delegate Chas. A. Brodie.

Gen. Henry W. Lawton Camp No. 21

Lorimer and Ten Eyck streets, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Commander Thomas F. Hyland; Delegate Martin J. Graham.

Brooklyn Camp No. 22

Borough Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Delegate Joseph Conte.

New York City Camp No. 23

West End, 226 W. 125th street, New York City

Delegate John Bickerstoff.

Col. Henry W. Hubbell Camp No. 24

104 West 47th street, New York City

Past Commander James Y. Lavery; Delegates James F. Reynolds, Philip Scheppler.

L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25

96 State street, Rochester, N. Y.

Delegate Godfrey Ashbaker.

Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26

State Armory, Oswego, N. Y.

Past Commander George W. Morley; Delegate William McGregor.

Wallace F. Randolph Camp No. 27

City Hall, Yonkers, N. Y.

Delegate Wm. O. Avery.

Capt. Frank R. Palmer Camp No. 28

71–83 State street, Albany, N. Y.

Commander Archibald R. MacFarland; Senior Vice-Commander John P. Hayden; Junior Vice-Commander Andrew J. Gorey; Past Commanders Charles E. Davis, M. J. Reagan, L. S. A. Dreis, Wm. P. Malcolm; Delegates John J. Harbinger, Rev. Burton J. Hotaling, Frank Murphy.

Captain W. S. Overton, Jr., Camp No. 29

Odd Fellows Hall, Whitestone, N. Y.

Past Commander A. J. Kennedy.

Griffin Engineers' Camp No. 31

69th Regiment Armory, New York City

Commander Thomas Regan, Jr.; Vice-Commander Abraham H. Levy; Past Commanders John J. Murphy, Irving Coon.

Liscum-Wheeler Camp No. 33

State Armory, Utica, N. Y.

Past Commander Thomas Slater; Delegate J. D. Clifford.

H. J. Reilly Camp No. 34

Borough Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Past Commander William Steiger.

Defendam Camp No. 36

9th Regiment Armory, New York City

Commander Chas. A. Bond; Past Commanders B. A. Flood, Wm. F. Leuper, Aug. Aschemoor; Delegate Ernest Dunaway.

N. W. Crosby Camp No. 37

City Hall, Main and Mechanic streets, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Commander V. M. Bovie; Past Commanders Geo. J. Sawyer, John F. Flanagan, Dennis F. Hynes, Frank J. Schulte; Delegate Michael J. Buckley.

Gen. Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38

200 E. 45th street, New York City

Past Commanders Patrick J. Corcoran, Fred C. Madden; Delegate Francis A. Gourdier.

E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40

State Armory, Elmira, N. Y.

Past Commanders Lee Card, Leon A. Fonest; Delegate Boyd Shearley.

Col. Walter Scott Camp No. 42

State Armory, Oneonta, N. Y.

Past Commander Wm. P. Little; Delegate C. R. Hotaling.

George D. Russell Camp No. 43

13th Regiment Armory, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Commander Geo. H. Kemp; Junior Vice-Commander Jason E. Clapp; Past Commanders Chas. O. Davis, John S. Eiseman; Delegates Daniel F. Serr, Chas. M. Ross.

Major John J. Sague Camp No. 44

State Armory, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Delegate Horner L. Coxhead.

Samuel M. Porter Camp No. 45

State Armory, Jamestown, N. Y.

Commander W. L. Beck.

Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46

101 West 127th street, New York City

Commander Fred Meyer: Senior Vice-Commander Robt. Clark; Junior Vice-Commander J. Finnerty; Past Commanders W. S. Styles, F. H. Smith, Dan Cullinane; Delegates Axel Swenson, John Roth.

Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48

Borough Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Commander John F. Spolders; Past Commander Wm. J. Carroll.

Naval Camp No. 49

329 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Commander Theo. Meyer; Senior Vice-Commander T. E. Morris; Past Commander F. P. Mang.

Col. John W. Vrooman Camp No. 51

Grange Hall, Herkimer, N. Y.

Senior Vice-Commander L. A. White; Delegate J. P. Holden.

Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53

226 West 125th street, New York City.

Commander Solomon Weil; Delegates Geo. McKeown, W. C. Snyder, Joseph Heoney, Wm. J. Junior.

Louis W. Carlisle Camp No. 56

32 Taggart Bldg., Watertown, N. Y.

Delegate H. W. Bell.

Saratoga Camp No. 58

G. A. R. Hall, Pavilion place, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Commander Charles E. Van Pelt; Senior Vice-Commander Geo. W. Lyman; Junior Vice-Commander Fred W. Calkins; Past Commanders Louis J. Follett, Fred. W. Dunson, Geo. W. Ainsworth, Richard A. Cooney; Delegate James L. Shay.

David Wilson Camp No. 59

177th street and 3d avenue, New York City

Past Department Commander William Jones; Commander Edw. H. Martin; Senior Vice-Commander Chas. G. Olin; Past Commanders Frank D. Lakestream, Ben Rosenberg, William C. Wild; Delegates Otto Schmidt, Paul R. Hinz, John Lyon, August Brunning.

William McKinley Camp No. 62

Central Hall, 217 Court street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Commander Thomas R. Edwards; Delegate John Slattery.

Captain George H. Tilley Camp No. 66

Town Hall, Fulton street, Jamaica, N. Y.

Senior Vice-Commander Andrew T. Nord; Junior Vice-Commander Avery C. Sickles; Past Commander Alfred Halliday; Delegates Walter E. Tounison, John A. Miller.

Admiral Cook Camp No. 69

Town Hall, Haverstraw, N. Y.

Delegate A. L. Hellstrom.

Hudson Camp No. 71

State Armory, Hudson, N. Y.

Senior Vice-Commander William Riley; Past Commander John H. Ehman; Delegate Harry B. Seymour.

Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 73

3d avenue and 54th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Commander Geo. W. Meyer; Junior Vice-Commander Chas. J. Edward; Past Commanders Robert Flinch, John L. Dunn, Raymond S. Newton; Delegates James T. Carroll, Alexander Kimbark, Steven J. Kavanaugh.

David J. Johnston Camp No. 74

G. A. R. Hall, Cohoes, N. Y.

Commander William Ross; Senior Vice-Commander Alex. Robertson; Past Commanders Joseph Ruddy, William J. Floud, Robert Ray, T. C. Collins; Delegate Michael Connery.

Captain Malcolm A. Rafferty Camp No. 80

Queens County Court House, Long Island City, N. Y.

Delegate J. Kutil.

Lockport Camp No. 83

G. A. R. Hall, Main and Pine streets, Lockport, N. Y.

No delegates.

West Point Camp No. 85

Engineer Gymnasium, West Point, N. Y.

Commander Chas. J. Watson.

Col. John G. Butler Camp No. 86

470 South Salina street, Syracuse, N. Y.

Senior Vice-Commander John D. O'Donnell; Past Commanders Patrick J. Guilfoyle, Ernest Vogelsang; Delegates E. J. Guilfoyle, A. Sager.

Foreign Service Camp No. 87

110 E. 125th street, New York City

Junior Vice-Commander Edw. J. Levore; Delegate LeRoy Corbin.

Admiral William P. Potter Camp No. 90

State Armory, Whitehall, N. Y.

Commander Clinton C. Yemans; Past Commanders Horatio S. Douglass, Albert W. Bement; Delegate Gordon Wilson.

Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 91

45th street and 3d avenue, New York City

Commander John T. Thornton; Junior Vice-Commander Jas. V. Gurkian; Past Commanders Frank M. Lawless, Hugh J. Joyce; Delegates T. L. O'Brien, J. J. McCormick, John Kirk, John Shaughnessy.

Empire City Camp No. 92

Borough Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Past Commander James J. Curton; Delegate Daniel Ford.

69th Regiment Camp No. 93

26th street and Lexington avenue, New York City
Delegate Thomas F. Gannon.

Crispus Attucks Camp No. 95

83 W. 134th street, New York City

Senior Vice-Commander Charles H. Payne; Junior Vice-Commander Simon Kenard; Past Commander L. C. Henderson.

Col. John Jacob Astor Camp No. 98

29 Vesey street, New York City

Delegates Chas. Nilson, John F. Eble.

Col. Garland N. Whistler Camp No. 100

Fort Totten, N. Y.

Commander James P. Quinn; Past Commander James S. Holmes; Delegate John Johnson.

REPORTS OF CAMP HISTORIANS

HISTORIAN'S REPORT OF CAPT. F. R. PALMER CAMP No. 28, U. S. W. V., FROM JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 1, 1916

To the Department Historian:

I have the honor, as Camp Historian of Capt. F. R. Palmer Camp No. 28, United Spanish War Veterans, located at Albany, N. Y., to submit for your consideration the semi-annual report, in compliance with General Orders.

Duties

The office of Camp Historian carries with it a solemn duty that the Historian must be present at every meeting of the Camp and also attend all social functions, so that he may be able to submit a report with a knowledge of what is actually occurring, and although I have been the Historian of this Camp for the past seven years, I have found that this position is one that has not been properly understood by our representatives at either the National or Department Encampments, as there is no special ruling laid down to govern this particular work which in years to come will prove so essential to the welfare of our beloved Organization, so therefore I would suggest that a form be ordered printed, and upon a historian being installed he be furnished with twelve (12) copies and instructed to submit monthly reports to the Department Historian, who may forward same to Department Headquarters, thus keeping Headquarters informed as to the progress of each Camp in the Department, and also assist the Department Historian in his work of arranging his report, which must be submitted at the Department Encampments.

Camp Meetings

This Camp holds its regular meetings the second Tuesday in each month, in the rooms of the Capitol City Club, Nos. 71 and 73 State street, and during the past six (6) months no meeting has been attended at which there has not been an average attend-

ance of forty (40) Comrades present, and on two occasions there was an attendance of sixty (60), thus showing that our membership is alive with interest in the welfare of our Order.

Membership

While we have no succeeded in securing as many recruits this term as we have in the past, I am sure that it is not due to lack of interest by the Comrades; as it must be borne in mind that in this city we have opposition, as there is a post of Veterans of Foreign Wars located here. We have, however, succeeded in reinstating a number of Comrades, and have also been able to have at least one or more applications for membership submitted at every meeting of the Camp during the present term.

Press Notices

One of the most essential items in the work of a Camp Historian is to see that his Camp is kept constantly before the public. In this way we not only keep the membership informed as to what the Camp is doing, but we have succeeded in securing a number of recruits who otherwise would not be aware of there being a real live organization in their town to which they were eligible to membership.

The press of Albany has always been favorable to this Camp, and each week there is always an article in the Fraternal columns of the five (5) principal newspapers published in this town, so that no matter where a Comrade may be, upon his family or his friends forwarding the Saturday evening or Sunday papers, he is sure to be in touch with the working of his Organization.

Patriotism

This Camp has succeeded in being recognized in its work of teaching the younger generation the lesson of patriotism, as they are constantly receiving invitations to attend exercises either at the schools or those held by social or fraternal organizations located in Albany and elsewhere.

On January 7th the Rotary Club of Albany presented to the U. S. Supreme Court, in its chambers at the City Hall, an American flag, to be used only on naturalization days, and on this occa-

sion our Camp was represented by Past Commander Wm. S. Fredenrich and a number of the Comrades, who afterwards attended the banquet at the Ten Eyck Hotel and took an active part in speechmaking, etc.

April 7th this Camp put on a military pageant at the Albany Orphan Asylum, which was held under the auspices of Mohawk Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, the Camp on this occasion, with the stage set to represent an army camp, performed the duties of soldiers in the daily routine of camp life from Reveille to Taps, the same being explained to the poor unfortunates by First Lieut. H. H. Acherson of the U. S. Army, and this Camp is at present in receipt of letters from other organizations requesting us to repeat the performance.

In addition, representatives have visited other organizations and addressed them on the subject of "Patriotism," and especially the Grand Army of the Republic, who have called upon us on various occasions.

Installation and Regular Meetings

The officers of this Camp were installed by Senior Vice-Department Commander George McCune, assisted by Past Commander William Tyner, at a special meeting held January 5th in Eintracht Hall. After the installation refreshments were served and remarks listened to from Senior Vice-Department Commander McCune, Past Commander Wm. Tyner, of Troy, and Commander-elect A. R. MacFarland, Past Commander Wm. Fredenrich and other, all of whom spoke upon the advancement of our Order and particularly in regard to the proposed visit of the Department Commander, Frank S. Sidway, who was due to visit the Comrades of the Capitol District at Troy on January 21st.

Invitations were received from General Eugene Griffith Camp No. 11 of Schenectady and the Ladies' Auxiliary No. 15 to attend their installation ceremonies, both of which were accepted with thanks to our Comrades and ladies.

January 11th, at the regular meeting, a communication was received from the Adjutant-General of New York State, Louis Stotesbury, in regard to the distribution of campaign medals, and a committee, consisting of Past Commander Wm. S. Fredenrich,

Past Commander Wm. H. Kyle and Comrade Harry Durst, was appointed to consult with Major Albert E. Denison of the local Battalion of the National Guard as to the advisability of holding a Review some time in February, when the medals could be presented to the members of the Camp as a body.

At this meeting a committee, consisting of the Trustees and Comrades Charles Bentley and Francis Murphy, was appointed to ascertain if possible if this Camp could secure meeting rooms in the new County Building when it is completed.

Past Commander Edward Burton, an old and tried worker for the benefit of this Camp, having applied for an honorable discharge the same was granted with regret on behalf of the members.

The Commander appointed his various committees at this meeting, and among which was a committee to investigate into the charges preferred by Comrade Lorelo Cook of this Camp, who stated that he had been discriminated against in his work on the Barge Canal by the action of Major McDonough, who is at present in charge of the U. S. Engineers' Office.

The Commander requested that until further notice he desired all the Comrades attending meetings to wear their badges and the officers to appear in uniform.

At the regular meeting held February 8th, Comrades Powers, Vance and Whipple were reinstated, and upon Comrade Whipple applying for a transfer to Camp No. 3 of Binghamton the same was granted.

Communications were received from the Hon. Rollin B. Sanford and the Hon. James W. Wadsworth in regard to the Widows and Orphans' bill (H. R. 54), in which these gentlemen stated that they will both do their duty in effecting the passage of this bill which means so much to the U. S. W. V.

Committee appointed to consult with Major Denison in regard to a Review being held in conjunction with the presentation of State Decorations reported that the State Armory would be occupied by the Food Show on that occasion, and upon motion it was decided to have the medals presented on Muster Night.

Past Commander James S. Long of New York City was with us on this occasion and received a royal welcome from the Comrades for his excellent work in regard to legislative measures.

especially the Preference bill, with which he was busily engaged in endeavoring to secure its passage.

A communication was received from the American Banking Institute asking that their representative be granted the privilege of addressing the Comrades on the subject of "Thrift." Permission was granted and their representative invited to deliver the lecture on Muster Night.

At the meeting held March 14th the committee reported in regard to Comrade Lorelo Cook's case, and a vote of thanks was extended to Major McDonough for his interest in the U. S. W. V., the Comrade having been reinstated to his position.

Committee appointed to secure rooms in the new County Building reported that this Camp would be able to secure meeting rooms there and that the building would be ready about September 1st.

Past Commander Wm. S. Fredenrich of the Memorial Day Committee announced that that committee would hold a meeting on March 18th at the State Armory.

Motion that this Camp endorse both the Key bill and the Preference bill, and the members be instructed to write to their Senators and Representatives urging the passage of the Widows and Orphans' bill.

Comrade James S. Long was again in attendance at this meeting and rendered an interesting report as to the work of the legislators, and on motion a rising vote of thanks was extended to our true and tried Comrade, James S. Long, for his excellent report and advice in this important matter.

Past Commander Wm. S. Fredenrich, as District Inspector, invited the Comrades to accompany him on his tour of inspection of the Troy, Cohoes and Hudson Camps.

A special meeting was held at the State Armory on March 27th for the purpose of changing the dates of Muster Night from April 21st to April 12th, owing to the 21st being Good Friday.

On April 11th a regular meeting was held, invitations were received from the G. A. R. to parade on Memorial Day, the Memorial Committee of this Camp submitted their report as to the arrangements for Memorial Sunday, May 28th, and several new candidates were admitted.

On May 9th a meeting was held, at which time the Camp was inspected by Past Commander Bourke of Troy, District Inspector, who was accompanied by Senior Vice-Department Commander George McCune and a large delegation of Comrades from Troy and Cohoes.

At this meeting action was taken in regard to the erection of a "Hiker" monument on the Soldiers' Plot in Graceland Cemetery, and Past Commander Wm. H. Kyle was appointed chairman of the Monument Committee with authority to appoint his own committee, and for the purpose of demonstrating to the general public that the Camp was in earnest in regard to this matter an oil painting of the "Hiker," showing its exact location when completed, was ordered for the purpose of being unveiled at the Memorial exercises.

A rifle club with a membership of thirty-two (32) was also formed at this meeting and Comrade John Hayden was authorized to inquire and submit at the next meeting a general idea of what was expected of the Comrades and what expense was attached to becoming members of the American Rifle Association.

Presentations

On February 8th, on behalf of Captain F. R. Palmer Camp, Past Commander William H. Kyle presented Past Commander William S. Fredenrich with a Past Commander's Jewel, in recognition of the work which he had done for this Camp in the past. In this Comrade we have one who has ever been loyal and true, ever ready to assist a Comrade or the Organization.

The spirit of thanksgiving must have prevailed at this meeting, for hardly had the presentation been made to Past Commander Fredenrich than the Camp Commander, A. R. MacFarland, arose and with a few well chosen remarks as to past services, etc., he in turn presented Past Commander Wm. H. Kyle with a Past Commander's Jewel. Both Comrades then expressed their appreciation of the thoughtfulness of the members of the Camp and assured them that in the future, as in the past, they would always be found striving for the advancement of the Order and particularly for Capt. F. R. Palmer Camp.

On Muster Night, April 12th, the Commander also presented Past Commander L. T. A. Dreis with a Past Commander's Jewel

as he is one of the ardent workers of this Camp and one of the oldest Past Commanders in the Department, having been Commander of Wansboro Camp prior to the amalgamation of the Spanish War Veterans and the United Spanish War Veterans.

Comrade Francis Murphy having been elected Alderman of the Ninth Ward of this city, was presented by his Comrades with a large floral piece upon taking his seat of office.

Muster Day

On this occasion the Camp held its exercises at Moose Hall on April 12th, at which time visitors were present from the G. A. R., Veterans of Foreign Wars, together with Comrades from the Camps within the Capitol District, and Adjutant-General Louis Stotesbury of New York State presented to one hundred (100) Comrades their State Decorations, and then delivered one of the most interesting addresses it has ever been the good fortune of the Comrades of this Camp to listen to. Assemblyman Welsh was also present on behalf of the American Banking Institute and delivered an address on the subject of "Thrift." We also had with us an old time friend of ours, Mr. Charles V. Merrick, who addressed the assemblage; and last, but not least, Past Commander George Markle of the G. A. R.

Memorial services were held in honor of our departed Comrades, and as each name was called three times a candle was extinguished.

The U. S. W. V. Band was in attendance and rendered an excellent program. This band has improved wonderfully since our last Encampment.

After refreshments had been served, the evening was spent in singing, dancing, etc.

Department Honors

At the meeting of this Camp held February 8th, this Camp endorsed Past Commander William H. Kyle for the office of Junior Vice-Department Commander at the Encampment to be held at Saratoga July 3d, 4th and 5th.

Owing to the fact that this Camp has not had a representative in the Department for a number of years, they will endeavor to have their candidate elected and have pledged themselves to attend in a body with that purpose in view.

Memorial Sunday

With an ideal day and an attendance of over 3,000 people, this Camp held its services at the Soldiers' Plot in Graceland Cemetery on May 28th, and it was then demonstrated to the Comrades that there is no other place within this city that is more appropriate than this is for having a "Hiker" Monument erected, as the general public look forward to these exercises each year and we have succeeded in making it an established fact, and there is no doubt but what we will break ground for the foundation this coming fall.

Past Commander Wm. S. Fredenrich was chairman of the exercises, Judge George Addington orator of the day, Comrade Burton Hotaling Camp Chaplain, and other speakers were Past Commander George Markle of the G. A. R., Past Commander Wm. H. Kyle and Ensign Hambsch of the U. S. Navy.

In attendance was the Uniformed Rank of Maccabees, Knights of Pythias, Boys' Brigade of America, Boy Scouts and the Ladies' Auxiliary No. 15, Mohawk Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, G. A. R. and forty (40) school children, all of whom took part in the parade from the gateway to the plot, headed by the U. S. W. V. Band.

An oil painting of the "Hiker" monument was unveiled, after which the graves of our Comrades were covered with flowers by the little school children.

Memorial Day

This Camp turned out on this occasion with one hundred and fifty (150) Comrades in line and, headed by the U. S. W. V. Band, who made their first appearance on this occasion, were greeted with applause around the entire route of march. With over seventy (70) uniformed members in line they surely made an excellent appearance. After the parade the Camp was served with refreshments, after which they journeyed to Troy and took part in the parade in that city in conjunction with M. D. Russell Camp No. 2.

On Memorial Sunday evening the Camp attended in a body Divine services at the Grace Episcopal Church, together with their

auxiliary, where the Rev. Paul Birdsall delivered an interesting sermon on the subject "Preparedness."

Military Order of the Sergent

Since we have formed Balangtang Lair No. 13, M. O. S., we have found that this side degree has proven to be a very essential part of our organization, principally because it has the tendency to bring the Comrades together so that they are better acquainted. At our Lair session we always have visitors from the various Camps throughout the Capitol District, and we also find that since we gave a masque ball it has brought us a number of new recruits. The innocent pleasure which is enjoyed in the conferring of the Khatapuna degree is interesting enough to cause the Comrades to turn out and attend all meetings of the Lair, and we thus oftentimes have an opportunity to talk over matters appertaining to the Camp where otherwise we would have sent postals to get the membership together. By all means let every Camp have its Lair of the Serpent and while we are still young enjoy the fruits of living.

Taps

Nothing lends more importance to our Camp meetings than the solemn ceremony of Taps for our departed Comrades, and when the Adjutant reads this particular part of the General Orders at each meeting, and the Comrades stand at "parade rest" none of us can help but look back over the years which have passed and recall some Comrade whom we loved dearly.

Such were the feelings of the members of this Camp when they assembled at the Union Station to meet the body of our dear friend and Comrade, Father W. H. I. Reaney, only a few months ago. No scene was ever enacted that appealed to the hearts of the Comrades than when Father Chidwick offered up a prayer for our departed Comrade, beloved by all, who laid in that dismal baggage car on his journey to the far West and to his last earthly resting place.

This Camp has been fortunate in not losing any Comrades through death during the past term, but several of our Comrades have suffered by the loss of their dear ones and, in closing my report, I can only say that the sincere sympathy of the Comrades

of Capt. F. R. Palmer Camp No. 28, U. S. W. V., is extended to them in this their hour of bereavement.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. KYLE,
Camp Historian.

22 West street, Albany, N. Y.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., *June* 28, 1916.

To: The Department Historian, Department of New York.
From: The Historian of Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp No. 1.
Subject: Historian's Report.

SIR.— In pursuance with General Orders C. S. I have the honor to herewith submit the following report as Historian of Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11. At the beginning of the year we had a membership of 142 and at the present time we have on our roll 151.

On January 14th the Camp held a joint installation of officers with the Ladies' Auxiliary, and the following officers were installed by Past Commander Frank S. Hoppman, assisted by Past Commander G. L. Alexander as Master of Ceremonies:

Commander, John T. McNeff.
Senior Vice-Commander, Chas. H. Jeggles.
Junior Vice-Commander, Fred B. Rickert.
Adjutant, Garrett V. Johnson.
Quartermaster, Thos. McDonald.
Chaplain, Ernest O. Huston.
Officer of the Day, Daniel O. Small.
Officer of the Guard, Wm. Gaines.
Patriotic Instructor, Geo. L. Alexander.
Historian, Geo. Hussong.
Color Sergeants, Tillman Babcock and Howard Surdam.
Quartermaster Sergeant, Joseph Drohat.
Sergeant-Major, Benjamin Reisner.
Musician, Frank McChesney.

After the installation refreshments were served by the Ladies' Auxiliary. Many visitors were present from Albany, Troy, Saratoga and other nearby places.

In January the Camp attended a reception to the Department Commander at Troy, N. Y., fully forty members turning out on this occasion.

On April 21st this Camp had the honor of receiving a large number of citizens who were given their final naturalization papers. This ceremony was held in the Court House and was attended by several hundred persons.

On April 26th our annual banquet was held in the mess hall of the State Armory. We had as our guests the Comrades of the G. A. R., the Ladies' Auxiliary, the U. S. Navy recruiting staff of the Capitol District, many Comrades from nearby cities, besides many speakers of note, among whom were the Rev. J. J. Lynch, pastor of St. Columbus Church; the Hon. H. S. DeForest, ex-Member of Congress; Judge Draper of Troy, N. Y.; Mr. I. C. Chamberlayne of this city and others. Comrade Thos. Spellacy, acting as toastmaster, filled the position with credit to himself and the Camp.

On Memorial Sunday the Camp attended services at the State Street Presbyterian Church in a body, acting as escort to the G. A. R. The sermon was preached by the Rev. C. B. Magill, who took for his subject "Preparedness."

On May 30th the Camp, in conjunction with the G. A. R., proceeded to the various cemeteries and placed flowers on the graves of the departed Comrades and shipmates, after which the parade was formed and, led by Capt. J. S. Button of the National Guard as Grand Marshal, moved over the usual route. After the parade a dinner was served by the Ladies' Auxiliary, which was enjoyed by all present. After dinner, a large number of the Comrades journeyed to Troy and participated in the parade and exercises in that city as the guests of Marcus D. Russell Camp No. 2.

On June 24th occurred the greatest achievement in the history of our Camp when there was held in this city a Preparedness parade, in which 25,000 people marched. It was a sight never to be forgotten, and too much credit cannot be given to the committee, of which Past Commander and Patriotic Instructor G. L. Alex-

ander was chairman. This parade was sponsored by Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp.

On June 25th the Camp assembled at the Armory to act as escort to Co.'s E and F and the Machine Gun Co. of the 2nd N. Y. Infantry, these troops being ordered to Camp Whitman for mobilization previous to their departure for duty on the Mexican border. Several of the Comrades of our Camp have enlisted for service in these companies, among whom are the following: Capt. J. S. Clinton, Lieut. Geo. E. Ramsey, Sergt. H. Y. Lighthall, Artificer Geo. Underhill, and Privates Geo. M. Bleser, Jos. Drohat, Tillman Babcock, Jas. Peeke and Howard Shutts.

Respectfully submitted in F., P. and H.,

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DEPARTMENT ROSTER FOR 1916

THE SPANISH WAR

1898–1902

The Spanish-American War, the Insurrection in the Philippines and the China Relief Expedition are frequently termed pleasure picnics. For those, who are malicious, or ignorant, or both, it might be stated that the campaigns were a most serious business. In consulting Newton A. Strait's book of American Battles, it will be learned that there has been too much levity exhibited in the matter of the late strife.

Skirmishes, April 21, 1898, to 1900, 826. In 515 of these men were either killed or wounded. In round numbers the campaigns cost 12,000 lives. This brought much sorrow to many homes and hearts. Thousands are to-day incapacitated on account of those campaigns.

We want the war to be judged by its consequences, its influences, its lessons. America found herself. In a nutshell, these are some of the fruits of the war:

1. Non-sectionalization of Our Country.
2. Independence of Cuba.
3. Open Door to China.
4. Autonomy in the Philippines.
5. Panama Canal.
6. Acquisition of Porto Rico.
7. Acquisition of Hawaii.
8. Remodelling of the Army.
9. Our Navy.

All Americans should feel prouder of their Country's high place in the family of Nations, brought about by this conflict.

Encouragement of Good Citizenship.

Cementing the Ties of Friendship formed during the Campaigns.

Helping the Comrades and their Dependents when in need, or otherwise.

Honoring the memory of Our Comrades, and all Patriots of other Wars.

Dissemination of Historical Knowledge of Our Campaigns.

Eligibility

Services in Army, Navy or Marine Corps, including Acting Assistant Surgeons, Contract Doctors, Dentists, Veterinary Surgeons, Paymasters' Clerks, or in such vessels as were temporarily under the control of the War or Navy Departments.

Service must comprise some periods between April 21, 1898, and July 4, 1902.

An honorable discharge from service and a good moral character are prerequisites.

Some Benefits

Laws on the statute books of the State.

Non-removal of a veteran from civil service positions except for incompetency or misconduct, after hearing.

Burial by the county of Veterans leaving no means to defray funeral expenses.

No soldier, sailor or marine, or his wife or children, or the widow or orphans of one deceased, can be sent to an almshouse.

Head-stones for the graves of all Veterans to be paid for by the county.

Peddlers' licenses issued upon presentation of discharge.

THE UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS COMPOSE THE CHEAPEST INSURANCE COMPANY IN THE WORLD. The wealth of time, tissue, talent and treasure which is centered in its membership is at the disposal of the Comrades at call.

Unlike other orders, the U. S. W. V. Order is limited in membership. Family trees, treasure-chests, check-books, political power, social prestige, or pre-eminence in this world's manifold activities, will not make a man eligible to this Order. You must have earned it.

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Department Commander, Frank S. Sidway, 194 Main street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Senior Vice-Commander, George W. McCune, 1600 Highland avenue, Troy, N. Y.

Junior Vice-Commander, William T. Hunt, 6 Congdon place, Binghamton, N. Y.

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Department Adjutant, Andrew B. Gilfillan, 706 Mutual Life Building, Buffalo, N. Y.

Department Quartermaster, William C. Strauss, 901 Smith street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Department Inspector, William S. Goodwin, 229 Ryerson street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Department Judge Advocate, Thomas E. Boyd, 438 Prudential building, Buffalo, N. Y.

Department Surgeon, Melville A. Hays, 124 Audubon avenue, New York City.

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Department Marshal, William J. Kennedy, 344 East 77th street, New York City.

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Assistant Department Quartermaster, Joseph Desch, 527 Boyd avenue, Woodhaven, N. Y.

Department Color-Sergeant, Joseph Dossinger, 177 Peach street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Department Color-Sergeant, George Stephan, 581 Sycamore street. Buffalo, N. Y.

Department Musician, W. Elmore Slack, 11 Providence place. Albany, N. Y.

Chairman Committee on Legislation, Thomas E. Boyd, 438 Prudential building, Buffalo, N. Y.

ROSTER FOR 1916

Manhattan Camp No. 1, New York City

Meets second and fourth Saturdays, 9–11–13 East 59th street.

Commander, L. T. Fetzer, 44 Cedar street, New York City.

Adjutant, John A. O'Donnell, 48 Charlton street, New York City.

Quartermaster, Jules S. Quarberg, 850 Amsterdam avenue, New York City.

M. D. Russell Camp No. 2, Troy, N. Y.

Meets second and fourth Thursdays, Rensselaer County Court House.

Commander, Edward M. Jackson, 183 Second street, Troy, N. Y.

Adjutant, John G. Smyth, 2156 13th street, Troy, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Elbert M. Iler, Grant avenue, Troy, N. Y.

Thomas H. Barber Camp No. 3, Binghamton, N. Y.

Meets first and third Wednesdays, State Armory.

Commander, E. R. Potter, 296 Grand avenue, Johnson City, N. Y.

Adjutant, E. J. Malmquist, 8 King avenue, Binghamton, N. Y.

Quartermaster, C. E. Lathrop, 44 Court street, Binghamton, N. Y.

William H. Hubbell Camp No. 4, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets second and fourth Fridays, Room 2, Borough Hall.

Commander, John Curtin, 1850 E. 14th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, T. S. Gorman, 103 Vanderbilt street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Charles Oswald, 583 Rogers avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Gloucester Naval Camp No. 5, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets first and third Saturdays, Room 2, Borough Hall.

Commander, Robert N. Mackin, 1676 83d street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, Frank H. Wilson, 1005 Franklin avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Edward J. Fitzsimmons, 201 Montauk avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Hon. Stephen Sanford Camp No. 6, Amsterdam, N. Y.

Meets Wednesday, corner East Main and Church streets.

Commander, Darwin E. Vunk, 21 Second street, Amsterdam, N. Y.

Adjutant, Melvin W. Lethbridge, State Armory, Amsterdam, N. Y.

Quartermaster, LeRoy Geesler, 21½ McDonnell street, Amsterdam, N. Y.

Niagara Falls Camp No. 7, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Meets first Monday, State Armory.

Commander, Alfred H. Edsall, Public Library, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Adjutant, Maurice Horton, 617 Chestnut street, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Henry Seipple, 928 Main street, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

William R. Carmer Camp No. 8, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Meets second Thursday, Armory, Company H, North 5th avenue.

Commander, Otto Thiede, 17 Beach street, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Adjutant, John H. Brancard, 42 South 7th avenue, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Isaac Joel, 227 North High street, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Warren A. Wilson Camp No. 9, Glens Falls, N. Y.

Meets first and third Tuesdays, Maccabee Hall, Glen street.

Commander, James J. Hogan, 9 Pruyn street, Glens Falls, N. Y.

Adjutant, Adelbert Reynolds, 74 West street, Glens Falls, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Jesse P. Kelsey, 130 Hudson street, South Glens Falls, N. Y.

Theodore Roosevelt Camp No. 10, New York City

Meets first and third Saturdays, Loeffler's Hall, S. E. corner 148th street and Willis avenue.

Commander, William Patterson, 1525 Washington avenue, Bronx, New York City.

Adjutant, John Kavanagh, 410 East 237th street, Bronx, New York City.

Quartermaster, Fred Dietzler, 460 East 141st street, Bronx, New York City.

Gen. Eugene Griffin Camp No. 11, Schenectady, N. Y.

Meets first and third Wednesdays, State Armory.

Commander, John T. McNeeff, 19 Mynderse street, Schenectady, N. Y.

Adjutant, Garrett V. Johnson, 840 State street, Schenectady, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Thomas W. McDonnell, 1128 Albany street, Schenectady, N. Y.

Seyburn-Liscum Camp No. 12, Buffalo, N. Y.

Meets first and third Mondays, G. A. R. Hall, Elmwood and Virginia streets.

Commander, J. J. Smith, 56 Wagner place, Buffalo, N. Y.

Adjutant, Arthur R. Rosebrock, 81 Pennsylvania street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Albert Hahn, 706 Mutual Life Bldg., Buffalo, N. Y.

14th Regiment Camp No. 14, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets first and third Fridays, Armory, 8th avenue and 15th street.

Commander, James J. Hand, Custom House, N. Y.

Adjutant, Edw. D. B. Logan, 1195 Flatbush avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Charles R. Marmis, 1036 West street, Bath Beach, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Buckey O'Neil Camp No. 15, *Buffalo, N. Y.*

Meets second and fourth Fridays, Labor Temple Hall, Best and Jefferson streets.

Commander, Charles A. Metzler, 179 Normal avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

Adjutant, H. L. Witherall, 56 Niagara street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Joseph M. Brecker, 204 Sprenger avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

Admiral Schley Naval Squadron Camp No. 16, *Brooklyn, N. Y.*

Meets first and third Mondays, Borough Hall.

Commander, A. G. Berger, 30 Rockaway avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, H. J. Hunt, 491 Central street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Henry Taylor, 112 North Henry street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Major General R. P. Hughes Camp No. 17, *Buffalo, N. Y.*

Meets first and third Thursdays, Humboldt Park Hall, 951 Genesee street.

Commander, Herman Lang, 493 Winslow avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

Adjutant, Wm. C. Gertz, 182 Wyoming avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

Quartermaster, John Linsman, 66 Montana avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

Admiral Philip Camp No. 18, *Brooklyn, N. Y.*

Meets first Friday, Borough Hall.

Commander, James A. Manning, 469 Ralph avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, William H. Holmes, 1017 DeKalb avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, John A. Duncan, 83 Rochester avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Old Guard Camp No. 19, *New York City*

Meets second and fourth Tuesdays, Loyal Moose Club Bldg., 127th street and Lenox avenue.

Commander, George W. Tushingham, 1547 Third avenue, New York City.

Adjutant, Elias Samuels, 278 Audubon avenue, New York City.

Quartermaster, Charles E. Delvalle, 29 East 169th street, New York City.

Joseph S. Decker Camp No. 20, Fort Wadsworth, N. Y.

Meets first and third Thursdays, corner Bay and Thompson streets, Stapleton, S. I.

Commander, Edward E. Hardin, Lt.-Col. U. S. Army (retired), West New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y.

Adjutant, William H. Albert, Sergt. Major, C. A. C., Fort Wadsworth, N. Y.

Quartermaster, David M. Levine, 1st Serg. 114th Co., C. A. C., Fort Wadsworth, N. Y.

Gen. Henry W. Lawton Camp No. 21, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets second and fourth Thursdays, Empire Hall, Lorimer and Ten Eyck streets.

Commander, Thomas F. Hyland, 2066 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, Martin J. Graham, 61 Hull street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Julius Staal, 1 St. John's place, Ridgewood, L. I.

Brooklyn Camp No. 22, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets fourth Monday, Room 2, Borough Hall.

Commander, William Reineke, 112 Lee avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, Joseph Conte, 241 Sands street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, William F. Morgan, 136 Meserole avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

New York City Camp No. 23, New York City

Meets second Friday, West End, 226 W. 125th street.

Commander, Dean Nelson, 38 Park Row, New York City.

Adjutant, John Bickerstaff, 77 Chester avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Hyman Finkelstone, 1053 Southern boulevard, New York City.

Col. Henry W. Hubbell Camp No. 24, New York City

Meets third Friday, 104 West 47th street.

Commander, Thomas F. Dawkins, 1022 Odgen avenue, New York City.

Adjutant, James F. Reynolds, Holbrook, L. I.

Quartermaster, Otto J. Rocholl, 391 East 157th street, New York City.

L. Boardman Smith Camp No. 25, Rochester, N. Y.

Meets first and third Wednesdays, 96 State street.

Commander, Claude L. Seiler, 107 Webster avenue, Rochester, N. Y.

Adjutant, John Dittman, 14 Ereth street, Rochester, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Godfrey Ashbaker, 30 Ormond street, Rochester, N. Y.

Robert C. Anderson Camp No. 26, Oswego, N. Y.

Meets first Monday, State Armory.

Commander, Roland T. Clark, 114 East Bridge street, Oswego, N. Y.

Adjutant, Daniel J. O'Mara, 18 East 6th street, Oswego, N. Y.

Quartermaster, William S. Monaghan, State Armory, Oswego. N. Y.

Wallace F. Randolph Camp No. 27, Yonkers, N. Y.

Meets first Tuesday, City Hall.

Commander, Daniel Wolff, City Hall, Yonkers, N. Y.

Adjutant, William A. Simpson, 353 Eldridge avenue, Yonkers, N. Y.

Quartermaster, A. E. Chambers, 49 Oak street, Yonkers, N. Y.

Captain Frank R. Palmer Camp No. 28, Albany, N. Y.

Meets second Tuesday, Capital City Club Rooms, 71–83 State street.

Commander, Archibald R. MacFarland, 53 Alexander street, Albany, N. Y.

Adjutant, William S. Fredenrich, 176 State street, Albany, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Martin R. Weldon, 21 Hudson avenue, Albany, N. Y.

Captain W. S. Overton, Jr., Camp No. 29, Whitestone, N. Y.

Meets last Saturday, Odd Fellows Hall, 18th street.

Commander, Frederick Burns, 144 Linden avenue, Flushing, L. I., N. Y.

Adjutant, James A. McCafferty, 62 Tenth avenue, Whitestone, N. Y.

Quartermaster, John M. Niemeyer, 20 West 20th street, Whitestone, N. Y.

Neptune Naval Camp No. 30, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets fourth Thursday, Room 2, Borough Hall.

Commander, Herman Meyer, 159 West 66th street, New York City.

Adjutant, John J. Inman, 110 North Henry street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Fred G. Simcox, 508 Humboldt street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Griffin Engineers Camp No. 31, New York City

Meets fourth Thursday, 69th Regiment Armory.

Commander, Thomas Regan, 12 Broome street, New York City.

Adjutant, James W. Adlard, 4435 Third avenue, New York City.

Quartermaster, Henry Byers, 275 57th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Liscum-Wheeler Camp No. 33, Utica, N. Y.

Meets second Monday, State Armory.

Commander, W. A. Foster, 118 Hobart street, Utica, N. Y.

Adjutant, C. M. Roberts, 110 Clinton place, Utica, N. Y.

Quartermaster, J. D. Clifford, State Armory, Utica, N. Y.

H. J. Reilly Camp No. 34, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets first Tuesday, Room 2, Borough Hall, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Commander, Michael J. Newell, 723 11th avenue, Steinway, L. I.

Adjutant, Peter Nealis, 235 Adelphi street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, William A. Murphy, 153 Park avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Defendam Camp No. 36, New York City

Meets third Thursday, 9th Regiment Armory, 14th street and C avenue.

Commander, C. A. Bond, 10 East 39th street, c/o "Tobacco," New York City.

Adjutant, William F. Leuper, 540 E. 85th street, New York City.

Quartermaster, Charles G. Lawrence, 110 E. 81st street, New York City.

N. W. Crosby Camp No. 37, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Meets second Wednesday, City Hall, Main and Mechanic streets.

Commander, Verne M. Bovie, Lake avenue, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Adjutant, John F. Flanagan, 19 Walnut street, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Michael J. Buckley, 49 Warren street, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Gen. Guy V. Henry Camp No. 38, New York City

Meets first and third Thursdays, Na-Bocklish Hall, 200 E. 45th street.

Commander, Andrew E. Burke, 248 E. 23d street, New York City.

Adjutant, T. J. O'Donnell, 316 E. 55th street, New York City.

Quartermaster, Peter J. O'Brien, 18 W. 100th street, New York City.

Major Louis B. Lawton Camp No. 39, Auburn, N. Y.

Meets fourth Thursday, State Armory.

Commander, Jesse D. Brooks, 176 Woodlawn avenue, Auburn, N. Y.

Adjutant, Edgar A. Rose, 26½ Lewis street, Auburn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, James E. Osterhout, State Armory, Auburn, N. Y.

E. M. Hoffman Camp No. 40, Elmira, N. Y.

Meets second and fourth Mondays, State Armory.

Commander, H. W. Pankaw, 701 E. Market street, Elmira, N. Y.

Adjutant, S. O. Smith, 625 Mt. Zoar street, Elmira, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Joseph Wardzinski, 206 E. Water street, Elmira, N. Y.

Col. Walter Scott Camp No. 42, Oneonta, N. Y.

Meets second Friday, State Armory, Academy and Fair streets.

Commander, Frank E. Neal, 47 Spruce street, Oneonta, N. Y.

Adjutant, R. P. Hill, 367 Main street, Oneonta, N. Y.

Quartermaster, C. L. Hotaling, 47 Main street, Cooperstown, N. Y.

George D. Russell Camp No. 43, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets second Saturday, 13th Regiment Armory.

Commander, George H. Kemp, 427 Ocean View avenue, Woodhaven, N. Y.

Adjutant, Charles M. Reid, 18 White street, New York City.

Quartermaster, John J. Lawton, 3103 Snyder avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Major John J. Sague Camp No. 44, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Meets second Tuesday, State Armory.

Commander, Abram L. DeVries, 44 Harrison street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Adjutant, Thomas N. Gjobye, P. O. Box 99, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Albert C. Odell, P. O. Box 66, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Samuel M. Porter Camp No. 45, Jamestown, N. Y.

Meets fourth Monday, State Armory.

Commander, William L. Beck, 7 East Third street, Jamestown, N. Y.

Adjutant, Donald S. Brown, 13 Fulton street, Jamestown, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Frederick W. Hyde, 201 Main street, Jamestown, N. Y.

Sergeant Hamilton Fish Camp No. 46, New York City

Meets second and fourth Fridays, 101 West 127th street.

Commander, Fred Meyer, 231 West 145th street, New York City.

Adjutant, Charles Kerr, 424 East 161st street, New York City.

Quartermaster, J. Harrie Burdge, 1816 Anthony avenue, New York City.

Baron Steuben Camp No. 47, Hornell, N. Y.

Meets second Friday, State Armory, Seneca street.

Commander, Bert Santee, 32 Church street, Hornell, N. Y.

Adjutant, Fred J. Pierce, 6 State street, or State Armory, Hornell, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Bert Arwine, 9 Marshall avenue, Hornell, N. Y.

Admiral Sampson Camp No. 48, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets second and fourth Saturdays, Room 2, Borough Hall.

Commander, John F. Spolders, 571 66th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, Ernest W. Larkin, 143 Skillman avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Herbert W. Doggrell, 31 South Greenwood avenue, Richmond Hill, L. I.

Naval Camp No. 49, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets second and fourth Tuesdays, Lyric Hall, 329 Atlantic avenue.

Commander, Theo. Meyer, 2366 Putnam avenue, Ridgewood Heights, New York City.

Adjutant, John Everetts, 1917 East 48th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, H. P. Hogelund, 1624 55th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Col. John W. Vrooman Camp No. 51, Herkimer, N. Y.

Meets fourth Tuesday, Grange Hall.

Commander, Charles J. Hartigan, Herkimer, N. Y.

Adjutant, F. W. Cristman, Herkimer, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Henry Voight, Jr., South Main street, Herkimer, N. Y.

Franklin C. Warner Camp No. 52, Ilion, N. Y.

Meets second and fourth Mondays, A. O. H. Hall, First street.

Commander, H. P. Hamlin, 28 High street, Ilion, N. Y.

Adjutant, Julius Werner, 534 Elizabeth street, Utica, N. Y.

Quartermaster, William H. Spurr, 40 Highland avenue, Ilion, N. Y.

Major Frank Keck Camp No. 53, New York City.

Meets fourth Monday, 226 W. 125th street.

Commander, Solomon Weil, 265 W. 125th street, New York City.

Adjutant, George W. Cornish, 1973 Vyse avenue, New York City.

Quartermaster, Fred Bohlig, 319 W. 137th street, New York City.

Louis W. Carlisle Camp No. 56, Watertown, N. Y.

Meets second Friday, 52 Taggart Building, Public Square.

Commander, John H. Condon, Gotham street, c/o P. O., Watertown, N. Y.

Adjutant, Fred H. Gould, 1017 Coffeen street, Watertown, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Bert H. Thomas, 113 N. Meadow street, Watertown, N. Y.

Saratoga Camp No. 58, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Meets fourth Wednesday, G. A. R. Hall, Pavilion Place.

Commander, Charles F. Van Pelt, 46 Church street, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Adjutant, Fred W. Dunson, c/o Post Office, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Henry S. Fosmire, c/o Post Office, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

David Wilson Camp No. 59, New York City

Meets first and third Wednesdays, Bronx Building, 177th street and Third avenue.

Commander, Edward H. Martin, "O. D." 1127 Lexington avenue, New York City.

Adjutant, Fred Schroeder, 410 East 153d street, Bronx, New York City.

Quartermaster, Alexander Fraser, 236 East 165th street, Bronx, New York City.

Captain Allyn K. Capron Camp No. 60, Olean, N. Y.

Meets first and third Mondays, State Armory, 119 North street.

Commander, William E. Elliott, 842 Bishop street, Olean, N. Y.

Adjutant, Arthur F. Austin, Box 515, Olean, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Gaius C. Smith, 647 East State street, Olean, N. Y.

Hugo E. Kruse Camp No. 61, Corona, N. Y.

Meets second Monday, Eagle Hall, Polk avenue.

Commander, Otto Brown, 37 Lawn avenue, Corona, N. Y.

Adjutant, Frank Blasso, 37 Lawn avenue, Corona, N. Y.

Quartermaster, William Connor, 130 Himrod street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

William McKinley Camp No. 62, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets last Saturday, Central Hall, 217 Court street.

Commander, Thomas R. Edwards, 244 87th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, James J. Maleur, 704 Eighth avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Adrian Droz, 90 Covert street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Captain George H. Tilley Camp No. 66, Jamaica, N. Y.

Meets first and third Wednesdays, Town Hall, Fulton street.

Commander, Herbert T. Tomlinson, 1405 Woodhaven avenue, Woodhaven, L. I.

Adjutant, William W. Baird, 650 Hamilton avenue, Richmond Hill, L. I.

Quartermaster, Louis Knoll, 16 Windom street, Union Course, Woodhaven, L. I.

John V. Searles Camp No. 67, Flushing, N. Y.

Meets third Friday, Armory, Flushing, L. I.

Commander, Richard H. Brown, 22 Whitestone avenue, Flushing, L. I.

Adjutant, Daniel F. Kennedy, 110 Murray Lane, Flushing, L. I.

Quartermaster, Edward Gilbert, 71 Farrington street, Flushing, L. I.

Admiral Cook Camp No. 69, Haverstraw, N. Y.

Meets second Saturday, Town Hall.

Commander, Paul F. Howard, Iona Island, N. Y.

Adjutant, John Wotring, Iona Island, N. Y.

Quartermaster, A. L. Hellstrom, Iona Island, N. Y.

Hudson Camp No. 71, Hudson, N. Y.

Meets fourth Monday, State Armory.

Commander, William Churchill, 205 Warren street, Hudson, N. Y.

Adjutant, H. M. Saulpaugh, 39 Eighth street, Hudson, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Frank S. Clapper, 507 Union street, Hudson, N. Y.

Joseph J. Tully Camp No. 72, Corning, N. Y.

Meets first and third Wednesdays.

Commander, William A. Spencer, Corning, N. Y., R. F. D.

Adjutant, Claude F. Doud, 260 Watuaga avenue, Corning, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Frank M. Luckner, 341 East Market street, Corning, N. Y.

Thomas H. Barry Camp No. 73, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets first and third Wednesdays, Day Star Hall, Third avenue and 54th street.

Commander, George W. Meyer, 738 79th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, George W. Preece, 443 54th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster Henry Zulauf, 312 55th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

David J. Johnston Camp No. 74, Cohoes, N. Y.

Meets last Wednesday, G. A. R. Hall.

Commander, William Ross, State Armory, Main street, Cohoes, N. Y.

Adjutant, Robert Ray, Ontario street, Cohoes, N. Y.

Quartermaster, M. H. Connery, 113 Main street, Cohoes, N. Y.

Hudson B. Moore Camp No. 78, Newburgh, N. Y.

Meets first and third Wednesdays, Academy of Music Building, Broadway.

Commander, William E. Ryan, 323 North Water street, Newburgh, N. Y.

Adjutant, George F. Chapman, 31 High street, Newburgh, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Abraham V. Burton, 36 Concord street, Newburgh, N. Y.

Captain Malcolm A. Rafferty Camp No. 80, Long Island City, N. Y.

Meets third Thursdays, Queens County Court House.

Commander, August Schneckenburger, 94 Crescent street, Long Island City, N. Y.

Adjutant, Frank Sluka, 36 Prospect street, Winfield, L. I., N. Y.

Quartermaster, John Leya, 11 N. Borough avenue, Winfield, L. I., N. Y.

Meets first and third Thursdays, 24th Infantry, Presidio of San Francisco.

Sergeant Charles Smith Camp No. 81, *Philippine Islands*

Commander, Kenney Smith, 24th Inf. Band, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.

Adjutant, Walter B. Williams, Sergt. Maj. 24th Inf., Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.

Quartermaster, Chas. Jefferson, Co. "L," 24th Inf., Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.

Lockport Camp No. 83, *Lockport, N. Y.*

Meets first Wednesday, G. A. R. Hall, corner Main and Pine streets.

Commander, W. K. Beecue, 32 Carlton place, Lockport, N. Y.

Adjutant, W. J. Hooper, 55 Main street, Lockport, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Philip Russell, 176 Gooding street, Lockport, N. Y.

Major General George F. Elliott Camp No. 84, *New York City*

Meets second Thursday, Marine Barracks, Navy Yard.

Commander, Martin C. Palmer, Assay Office, 23 Pine street, New York City.

Adjutant, Michael Whalen, Assay Office, 23 Pine street, New York City.

Quartermaster, James Kelly, 281 Carlton avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

West Point Camp No. 85, *West Point, N. Y.*

Meets second Thursday, Engineer Gymnasium.

Commander, Charles J. Watson, Detachment of Ordnance, West Point, N. Y.

Adjutant, William H. Schneider, Detachment of Engineers, West Point, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Andrew Rhende, West Point, N. Y.

Col. John G. Butler Camp No. 86, *Syracuse, N. Y.*

Meets first and third Tuesdays, 470 South Salina street, Moose Temple.

Commander, George W. Smith, 1017 Montgomery street, Syracuse, N. Y.

Adjutant, John J. Walsh, 1456 Bellevue avenue, Syracuse, N. Y.

Quartermaster, John A. Jaynes, 413 Jackson street, Syracuse, N. Y.

Foreign Service Camp No. 87, New York City

Meets first and third Tuesdays, Horton Bldg., 110 E. 125th street.

Commander, Michael F. McNamara, 169 East 128th street, New York City.

Adjutant, James A. Boyd, 344 West 28th street, New York City.

Quartermaster, John M. Temme, 229 Willis avenue, New York City.

Gen. Joe Wheeler Camp No. 89, New York City

Meets second and fourth Mondays, 423 W. 156th street.

Commander, John T. Maddock, 4441 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Adjutant, Arthur F. Porter, 313 W. 19th street, New York, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Frank E. McNally, 500 W. 178th street, New York, N. Y.

Admiral William P. Potter Camp No. 90, Whitehall, N. Y.

Meets first Thursday, State Armory.

Commander, Clinton C. Yemans, Whitehall, N. Y.

Adjutant, H. S. Douglas, Whitehall, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Albert W. Bement, Comstock, N. Y.

Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 91, New York City

Meets third Friday, Na-Bocklish Hall, 45th street and Third avenue.

Commander, John T. Thornton, 436 46th street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, Joseph A. Halpin, 837 41st street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Hugh J. Joyce, 2428 Halsey place, Bronx, New York City.

Empire City Camp No. 92, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets second Thursday, Borough Hall.

Commander, John F. Mead, 1466 Dean street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, James J. Curtin, 539 Kosciusko street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Walter F. Allen, 416 Second street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sixty-ninth Regiment Camp No. 93, New York City

Meets first and third Fridays, 26th street and Lexington avenue.

Commander, Michael J. Vaughan, 11 Snyder avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, Thomas F. Gannon, 443 Prospect place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, George E. Gregory, 623 Amsterdam avenue, New York City.

Gen. Stephen Moffit Camp No. 94, Plattsburg, N. Y.

Commander, Fred W. Ingerson, 84 Bridge street, Plattsburg, N. Y.

Adjutant, ———.

Quartermaster, J. B. Callaway, 106 Montcalm avenue, Plattsburg, N. Y.

Crispus Attuck Camp No. 95, New York City.

Meets first Tuesday, 83 W. 134th street.

Commander, Edward A. Singleton, 102 W. 137th street, New York City.

Adjutant, Archie McLee, 3223 Paulding avenue, Williamsbridge, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Lewis C. Henderson, 9 W. 99th street, New York City.

Captain M. W. Marvin Camp No. 96, Walton, N. Y.

Meets second Wednesday, State Armory, Stockton avenue.

Commander, James J. Connelly, 8 Sewall place, Walton, N. Y.

Adjutant, A. E. Oothoudt, State Armory, 139–141 Stockton avenue, Walton, N. Y.

Quartermaster, H. J. Rogers, High street, Walton, N. Y.

Col. John Jacob Astor Camp No. 98, New York City

Meets second Saturday, St. Paul's Parish House, 29 Vesey street, New York City.

Commander, Peter H. Schmidt, 671 Forest avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, Albert A. Reiling, 1827 Washington avenue, New York City.

Quartermaster, John F. Eble, 223 Avenue A, New York City.

Col. A. L. Kline Camp No. 99, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Meets first and third Thursdays, 366 Greene avenue.

Commander, J. R. K. Barlow, 216 Quincy street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Adjutant, W. J. Keating, 269 Skillman street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Quartermaster, C. A. Tillotson, 276 Vanderbilt avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Colonel Garland N. Whistler Camp No. 100, Fort Totten, N. Y.

Meets first and third Thursdays.

Commander, James P. Quinn, Fort Totten, N. Y.

Adjutant, H. Smith, Fort Totten, N. Y.

Quartermaster, Leroy D. Barr, Fort Totten, N. Y.

Colonel Charles W. Williams Camp No. 101, Highland Falls, N. Y.

Meets second Saturday.

Commander, John Murphy, Sergt., U. S. Army, Retired, Highland Falls, N. Y.

Adjutant, John C. Selby, Ordnance Detachment, West Point, N. Y.

Quartermaster, George L. Marsh, Ordnance Detachment, West Point, N. Y.

Col. Robert C. Van Vliet Camp No. 102, *Fort Slocum, N. Y.*

Commander, ———.
Adjutant, ———.
Quartermaster, ———.

Milton R. Wheeler Camp No. 103, *Bath, N. Y.*

Commander, John J. Leahy, S. S. Home, Bath, N. Y.
Adjutant, James Dunley, S. S. Home, Bath, N. Y.
Quartermaster, Gustav Beerwald, S. S. Home, Bath, N. Y. Co. "E."

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Article I

Section 1. *Name.* The name of this association shall be The Department of New York United Spanish War Veterans.

Section 2. *Objects.* The objects of the United Spanish War Veterans shall be to perpetuate the memories of the War with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection and the China Relief Expeditions.

Article II

Section 1. *Composition.* It shall consist of all Camps of the United Spanish War Veterans located in the State of New York and of such traveling Camps as may be attached to it in accordance with the provisions of the Rules and Regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans.

Section 2. *Membership of the Department Encampment.* The membership of the Department Encampment shall be as prescribed in Section 2, Article 2, Part 3, of the Rules and Regulations, except that District Inspectors as such, shall not be members of the Department Encampment.

Article III

Section 1. *Government.* The Constitution and Rules and Regulations of the United Spanish War Veterans as from time to time amended, and all legislation enacted thereunder by the National Encampment, together with the lawful orders promulgated by the Commander-in-Chief, shall be the supreme law of the Department. Subject to the foregoing, the Department and all Camps and Comrades within its jurisdiction shall be under the control of a governing body which is styled the Department Encampment, and the lawful orders of the Department Commander.

Article IV

Section 1. *Committees.* The Department Commander shall appoint, prior to the convening of a convention of the Department Encampment, a Committee on Credentials; said committee to consist of the Department Adjutant and two other Comrades entitled to a vote at the said convention; provided, however, that none of the three members of this committee shall be from the same Camp, or from the same municipality. This committee shall examine and report to the Department Encampment upon the credentials of members present and entitled to participate in the convention.

Section 2. The Department Commander shall appoint a Committee on Auditing, consisting of three Comrades, who shall audit all Department books at least twice during a Department administration. The audit of this committee shall be published in Department General Orders, said General Orders to be known hereafter as the Department Bulletin. Said committee shall also submit a report in writing to the stated convention of the Department Encampment.

Section 3. The Department Commander shall appoint a Committee on Department Legislation consisting of not less than five members, including the Department Judge Advocate. The duties of this committee shall be as specified in Section 4, Article 8, Part 3, of the Rules and Regulations, and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Department Encampment or by the Department Commander.

Section 4. At the opening or prior thereto of each Department Encampment the Department Commander shall appoint a Committee on Resolutions. This committee shall consist of not less than three members. It shall be the duty of this committee to consider and report on all resolutions and matters that may be referred to it by the Department Encampment.

Section 5. Within sixty days after the Department Commander assumes office he shall appoint a Committee on Extension of the Order, consisting of not less than five members including the Department Adjutant. It shall be the duty of this committee to devise ways and means to increase the membership of this Department. This committee may also execute such ways and means as

may meet the approval of the Department Commander. A report in writing shall be made by this committee to the stated convention of the Department, showing the work accomplished during its term of service and offer such recommendations as may be deemed to be of assistance to the Department Encampment.

Section 6. In the absence of regular members of any committee, the Department Commander may appoint from time to time Comrades to act thereon in the place and stead of the regular members.

Section 7. The Department Commander may appoint such additional committees as he may deem to be desirable to carry on and expedite the work of the Department Encampment, and such as he may be specially authorized to appoint by the Department Encampment.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. *The Conventions and Meetings* of this Department shall be as provided in Article 5, Part 3, of the Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. *Per Capita Tax.* The per capita tax in this Department shall be as provided in Section 1, Article 9, Part 3, of the Rules and Regulations.

Section 2. *Salaries.* The salaries paid to officers of this Department shall be determined by the Council of Administration.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1. *General Fund — How Constituted.* All moneys received from whatever source, not raised or solicited for a specific purpose, shall constitute the General Fund.

Section 2. *Special Funds.* The Department Encampment may, from time to time, establish special funds for specific purposes. A special fund may be either permanent or temporary, and shall consist of all sums received, with the understanding expressed or implied that they are to be devoted to the purpose indicated, together with any amounts that may be transferred by appropriation to such special funds from the General Fund.

Section 3. *Custody of Funds.* Separate accounts shall be kept of the General Funds, special funds, and, so far as possible, dis-

tinct funds shall be deposited in separate bank accounts. The Department Quartermaster shall be the custodian of the General Fund and of all special funds except those which have been committed to the custody of some other officer, committee or Comrade by enactment of the Department Encampment.

Section 4. *Payments from the General Fund.* (a) The Department Commander shall order payments from the General Fund in accordance with the enactments of the Department Encampment. (b) The Department Commander shall have the power to order payments from the General Fund at his own discretion and without reference to other authority for the following purposes:

First: For all current expenses of Department Headquarters incurred in the ordinary course of business and all supplies.

Second: For his own traveling expenses on such journeys within the Department as he shall deem to be for the interest and welfare of the Department, and actual expenses not to exceed $100 for the purpose of attending the Annual National Encampment.

Third: For the traveling expenses of Department officers on such journeys as may be necessary in discharging the duties of their offices, or as may be required of them by the Department Commander.

(c) The Department Commander shall have the power to order payments from the General Fund, having first obtained the approval of the Department Council of Administration for the following purposes:

For absolutely necessary expenses of conventions of the Department Encampment and in extraordinary cases for the reception and entertainment of official guests at conventions of the Department.

The Department Commander may order payments from the General Fund for the carrying out of measures approved by the Department Council of Administration for the extension and maintenance of the Department.

Disbursements from the General Fund for purposes other than those hereinbefore mentioned shall be authorized only in accordance with the enactments of the Department Encampment.

Section 5. *Payments from Special Funds.* Payments from special funds shall be made in the same way as provided in Section 5,

Article 11, Part 2, of the Rules and Regulations for the disbursal of special funds of the National Encampment.

Section 6. *Voucher System.* All disbursements must be made by voucher only, duplicates to be provided for the Department Adjutant and the Department Quartermaster.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1. *Legislation — How Enacted.* Department legislation, except amendments of or additions to these By-Laws, special laws, or resolutions, shall require for enactment a majority vote of all the members present and voting at a stated or special convention of the Department Encampment.

Section 2. *Permanent Laws.* The Permanent Laws of this Department shall be embodied in these By-Laws and all amendments thereof and additions thereto which shall hereafter be enacted by the Department Encampment. Amendments and additions shall be appended thereto under the general title of "Amendments and Additions," each constituting a separate article.

Section 3. *Permanent Laws to be Printed.* The Department Commander shall cause these By-Laws to be printed with sufficient index in such form as will permit the attaching to each copy of slips bearing the amendments and additions enacted from year to year, so as to present the whole body of the Permanent Law of the Department.

Section 4. *Special Laws.* Enactments passed by the Department Encampment, which shall be limited as to time or application, shall be classed as Special Laws, and shall have all the force of Permanent Laws so far as their provisions extend. Special Enactments shall not be printed unless so ordered by the Department Encampment; but the Department Commander may, in his discretion, cause them to be published in whole or in part.

Section 5. *Definition of Enactments and Resolutions.* An enactment is defined to be a proposition which, if adopted, will constitute a new law, either permanent or temporary, for the government of the Department. A resolution shall consist of a formal expression by the Department Encampment of its wishes, opinion or sentiment as to matters other than permanent or special laws.

Section 6. *Standard Text.* The original copies of enactments and resolutions shall be properly attested by the Department Adjutant.

Section 7. *Legislation to Take Effect — When.* And enactment or resolution shall take effect upon its passage, unless otherwise provided therein. Enactments upon taking effect, shall become binding upon all officers and Comrades affected thereby, who shall be conclusively presumed to have notice of the same, and shall not be allowed to plead ignorance thereof in excuse of failure to comply with their requirements.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1. *Department Officers and their Duties.* The officers of the Department and their duties shall be as prescribed in Articles VI and VII, Part III, of the Rules and Regulations; provided, however, that they shall perform such further duties as may be prescribed in their By-Laws or by further authority of the Department. Retiring Department Commander shall be charged with responsibility for the preparation, printing and distribution of the Proceedings of the Department Encampment covering the period of his term of office.

ARTICLE X

Section 1. *Council of Administration.* The Department Council of Administration constituted as provided in the Rules and Regulations, and all Past Department Commanders of this Department in good standing in their respective Camps, in addition to its prescribed duties and powers as may be prescribed in these By-Laws and by authority of the Department Encampment, shall act as an advisory board to the Department Commander when called upon by him so to do and the members as individuals shall perform any special service within the Department which he may direct.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1. *Uniforms, Emblems and Insignia.* The official uniform of this Department shall be in accordance with the Bill of Dress as specified in Article 2, Part 7, of the Rules and Regula-

tions; provided, however, that Camps formerly attached to the Associations which have amalgamated with the U. S. W. V., may wear the uniform of their former association when permitted to do so by the terms of the amalgamation agreement, or when the majority members of a Camp may decide to wear the uniform of some branch of the United States Service to which they are attached or may be attached by reason of sentiment or previous service.

Section 2. The insignia and emblems to be worn by the membership in this Department shall be as specified in Article 1, Part 7, of the Rules and Regulations. In addition thereto, Delegates' Badges, Encampment Insignias, etc., issued by official Encampment Committees and affiliated organizations of the U. S. W. V. may be worn during the period of a Department Encampment, but at no time shall there be worn more than one Membership Badge and one Delegate's Badge of the U. S. W. V.

Section 3. The method of purchasing, distributing and the question of ownership of all equipment including emblems and insignia shall be as specified in Part 7 of the Rules and Regulations or as hereafter authorized by the Department Encampment.

ARTICLE XII

Section 1. *General Orders.* The General Orders in this Department shall be published monthly in the Department Bulletin. The said Department Bulletin must be entered at the United States post-office of publication, as a fraternal paper entitled to second class rates.

ARTICLE XIII

Section 1. *Amendments and Additions.* These By-Laws may be added to or amended at any stated convention of the Department Encampment by a majority vote of the members present and voting, subject to the subsequent approval by the Commander-in-Chief of the addition or amendment adopted.

AMENDMENT TO POOR LAW

Affecting Spanish War Veterans

LAWS OF NEW YORK, 1916, CHAPTER 532

AN ACT to amend the poor law, in relation to the relief of soldiers, sailors, and their families.

Became a law May 12, 1916, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

Accepted by the City.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section eighty-one of chapter forty-six of the laws of nineteen hundred and nine, entitled "An act in relation to the poor, constituting chapter forty-two of the consolidated laws," as amended by chapter one hundred and two of the laws of nineteen hundred and ten, and by chapter five hundred and ninety-four of the laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen, and by chapter five hundred and sixty-three of the laws of nineteen hundred and fifteen, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 81. *Post or camp to give notice that it assumes charge.* The commander of any such post or camp which shall undertake to supervise the relief of poor veterans or their families, as herein provided, before his acts shall become operative in any town, city or county, shall file with the clerk of such town, city or county, a notice that such post or camp intends to undertake such supervision of relief, which notice shall contain the names of the relief committee, commander and other officers of the post or camp; and also an undertaking to such city, town or county, with sufficient and satisfactory sureties for the faithful and honest discharge of his duties under this article; such undertaking to be approved by the treasurer of the city or county, or the supervisor of the town, from which such relief is to be received. Such commander shall annually thereafter, during the month of October, file a similar notice with said city or town clerk, with a detailed statement of the amount of relief requested by him during the preceding year, with the names of all persons for whom such relief shall have been requested, together with a brief statement in each case, from the

relief committee, upon whose recommendation the relief was requested; provided, however, that in cities of the first class, said notice and said detailed statement shall be filed with the comptroller of such city, and said undertaking shall be approved by him, and provided further that in any city of the first class which is now or may hereafter be divided into boroughs, such notice, and such detailed statement, each in duplicate, shall be filed with the comptroller and he shall forward one of said duplicates to the commissioner or deputy commissioner of charities for the borough in which the headquarters of such post or camp is situated, except that in the boroughs of the city of New York, no undertaking shall be filed by the commander or the committee of the post or camp nor shall any annual statement of the amounts of relief granted be required. And it shall be the duty of the commissioner of charities to annually include in his estimate, of the amount necessary for the support of his department, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of sections eighty, eighty-one, eighty-three, and except in the city of New York, eighty-four and eighty-five of this chapter, and the proper officers charged with the duty of making the budget of any such city shall annually include therein such sum or sums of moneys may be necessary for that purpose. Provided, further, that in the city of New York, the relief shall be paid direct to the beneficiaries by the commissioner of public charities on a written recommendation signed by the relief committee, the commander and the quartermaster of such post or camp. The comptroller of the city of New York shall, out of the amount appropriated for such relief, provide a cash fund to be placed under the control of the commissioner of public charities from which to pay such relief, and he shall replenish said fund upon presentation of properly receipted recommendations for the amounts paid out of said fund. Moneys actually paid out and expended, except in the boroughs of the city of New York, by any such post or camp for the relief specified in section eighty of this chapter shall be reimbursed monthly to such post or camp by the comptroller on vouchers duly verified by the commander and quartermaster of said post or camp, showing the date and amount of each payment, the certificate of the post or camp relief committee, signed by at least three mem-

bers, none of whom shall have received any of the relief granted by the post for which reimbursement is asked, showing that the person relieved was an actual resident of such city, and that they recommend each payment, and the receipt of the recipient for each payment, or in case such receipt could not be obtained, a statement of such fact, with the reason why such receipt could not be obtained. Such vouchers shall be made in duplicate on blanks to be supplied by the comptroller and shall be presented to the commissioner of public charities for the borough in which the headquarters of the post or camp is situated, and if such commissioner is satisfied that such moneys have been actually expended as in said voucher stated, he shall approve the same, and file one of said duplicates in his office and forward the other to the comptroller, who shall pay the same by a warrant drawn to the order of the said commander. And provided further that in the city of New York if the comptroller is satisfied that a poor or indigent soldier, sailor or marine, who has served in the military or naval service of the United States, or his family, and has been honorably discharged therefrom, or the families of any who may be deceased, are in actual want, and that immediate relief is needed by either, provided he or they shall have been residents of the state for the year last past, and is or are actual residents of said city, he may in his discretion authorize and empower the commander of the post or camp to furnish relief to him, or them, in a reasonable amount, and pay the amount by warrant to the commander of the post or camp, taking the receipt in duplicate of the commander of the post or camp therefor, and file one of said receipts in his office, and forward the other to the commissioner or deputy commissioner of carities for the borough in which the headquarters of the post or camp is situated; and said duplicate receipts shall be the vouchers for the payment of the same. And provided further, that in any city, county or borough, in which Grand Army posts or camps have organized or may organize a memorial and executive committee, the latter shall be regarded as a post of the Grand Army of the Republic or a camp of the United Spanish War Veterans. And the chairman, treasurer, or almoner and bureau of relief or relief committee referred to, shall exercise the same privileges and powers as the commander, quartermaster

and relief committee of a post or camp, on complying with the requirements of this and the preceding section. Wilful false swearing to such voucher shall be deemed perjury and shall be punishable as such.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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